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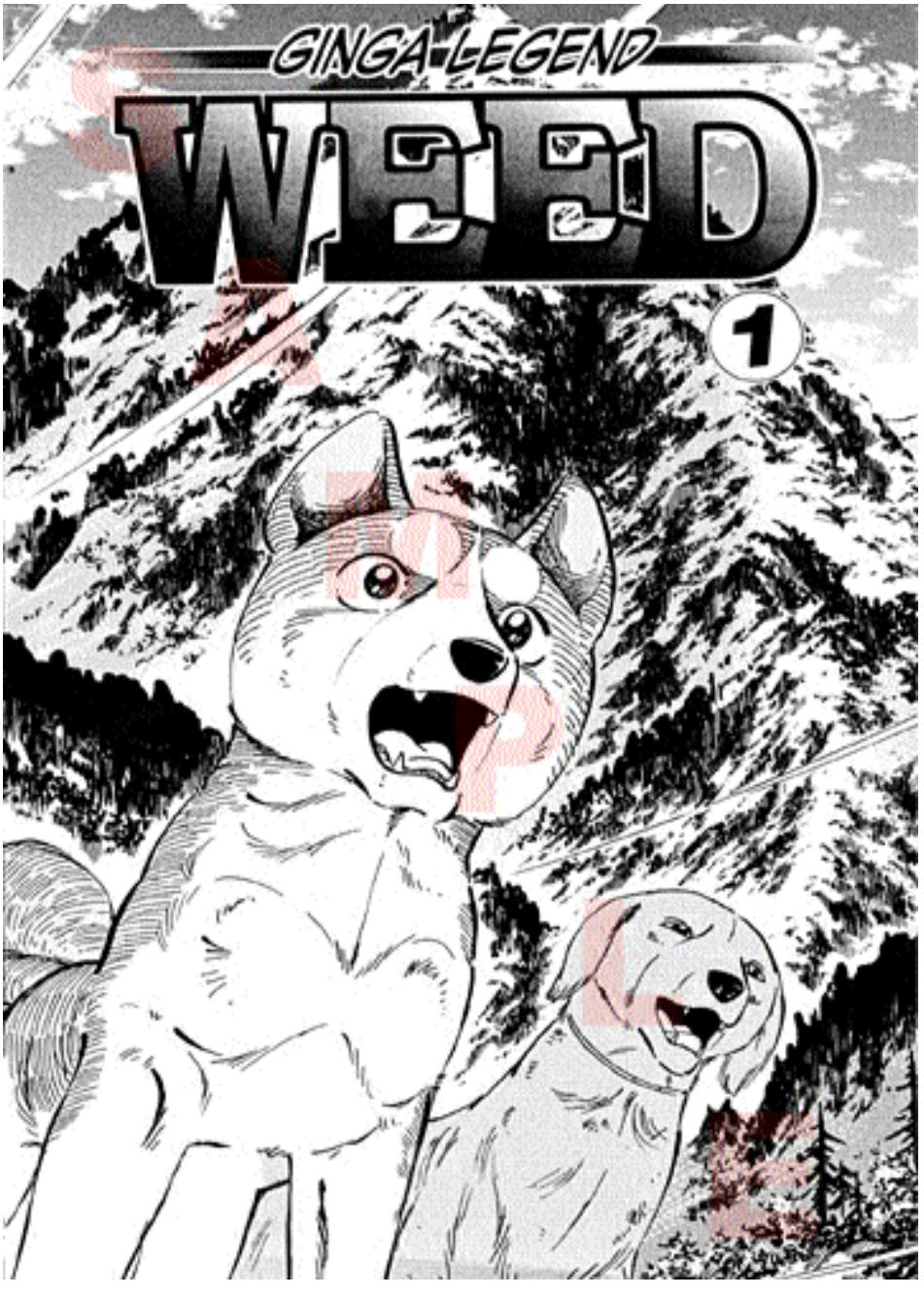
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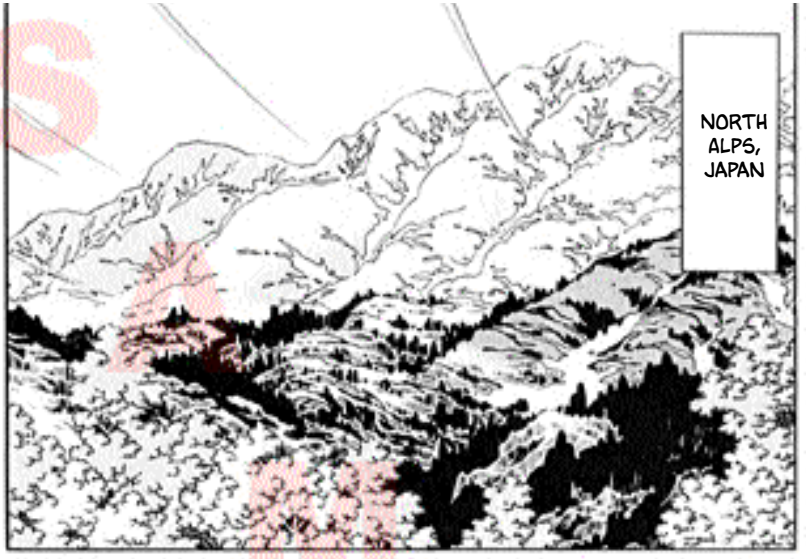
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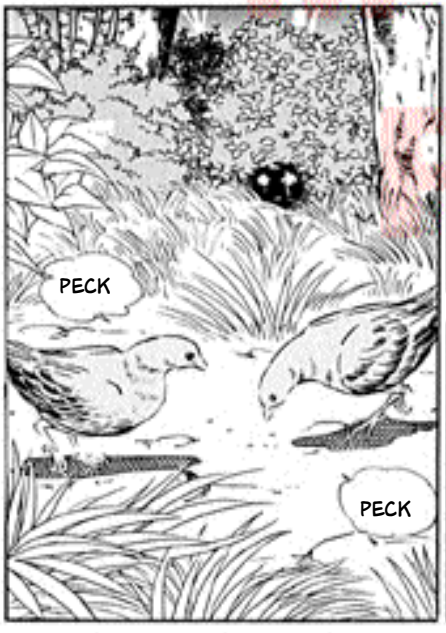
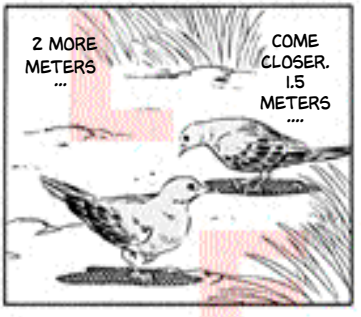
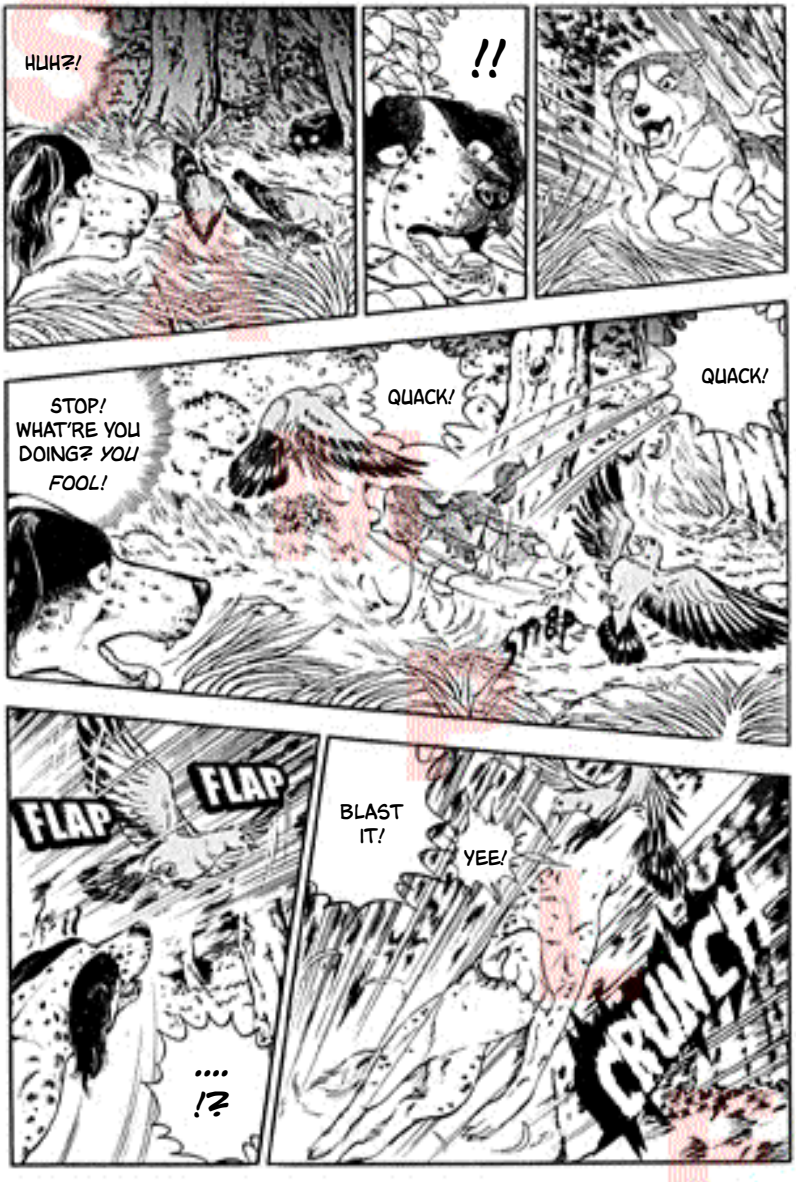

PECK
PECK

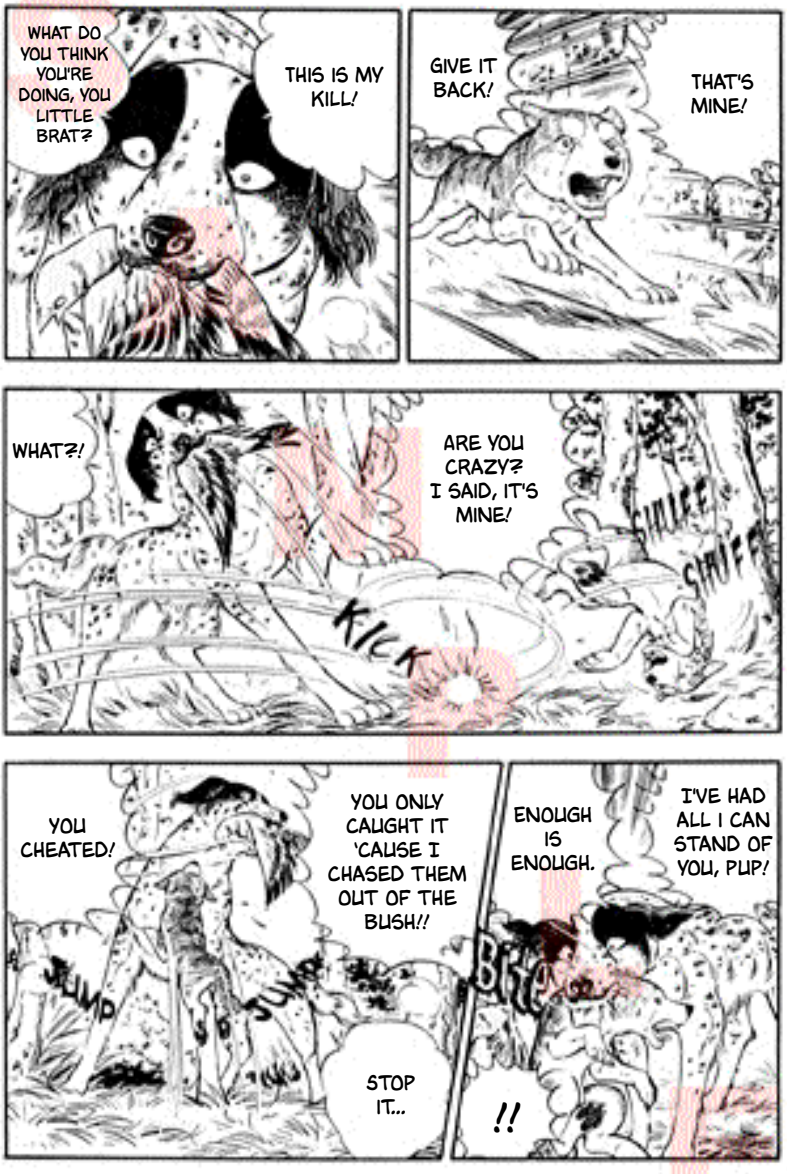
3 MORE METERS TO GO...
JUST A LITTLE CLOSER ....


2 MORE METERS ...
COME CLOSER. 1.5 METERS ....

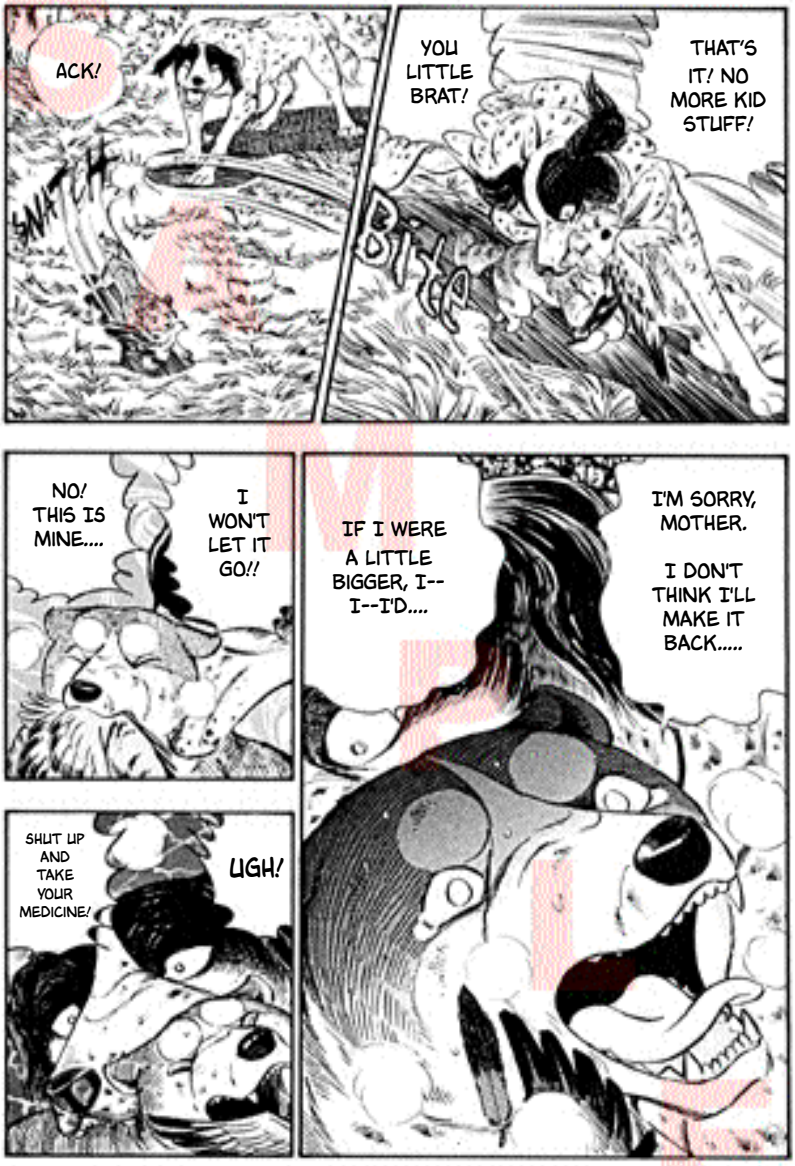

HUH?!
!!
STOP! WHAT'RE YOU DOING? YOU FOOL!
QUACK!
QUACK!
FLAP
FLAP
....
!?
BLAST IT!
YEE!
CRUNCH

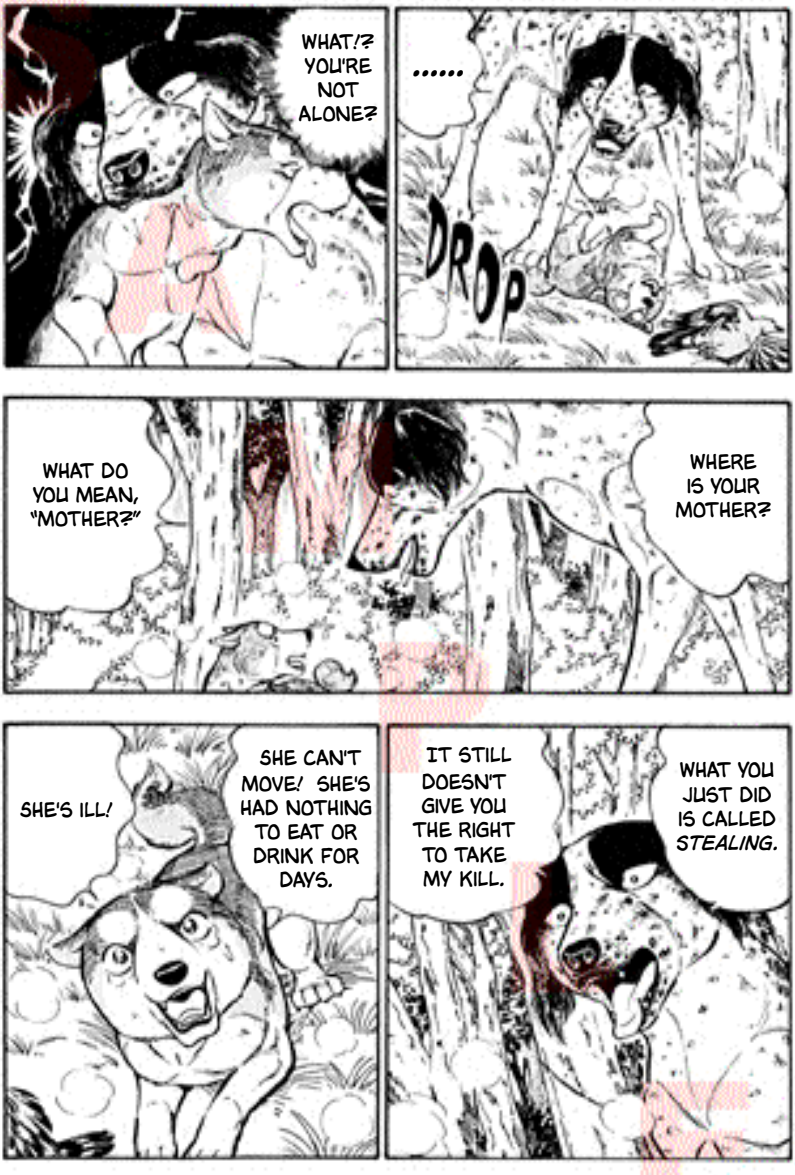
PRELUDE --
THE JOURNEY BEGINS

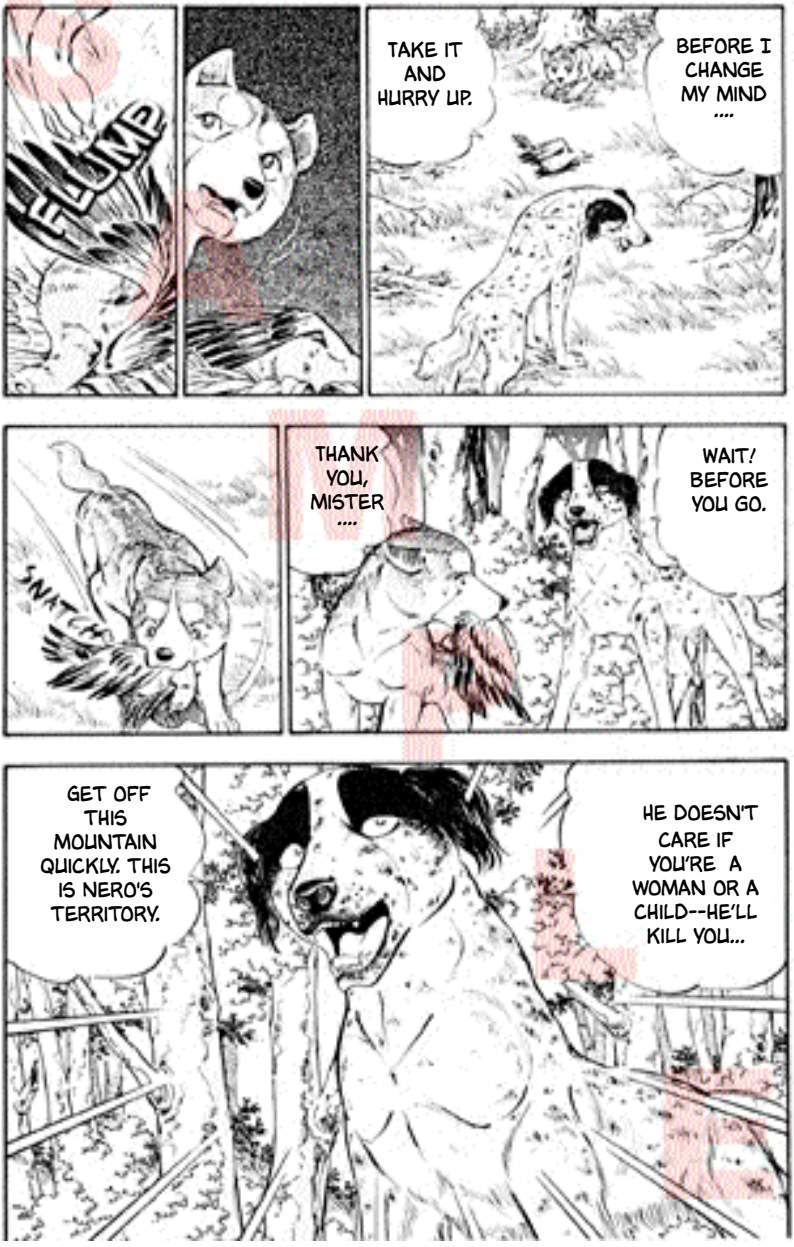
SAMPLE

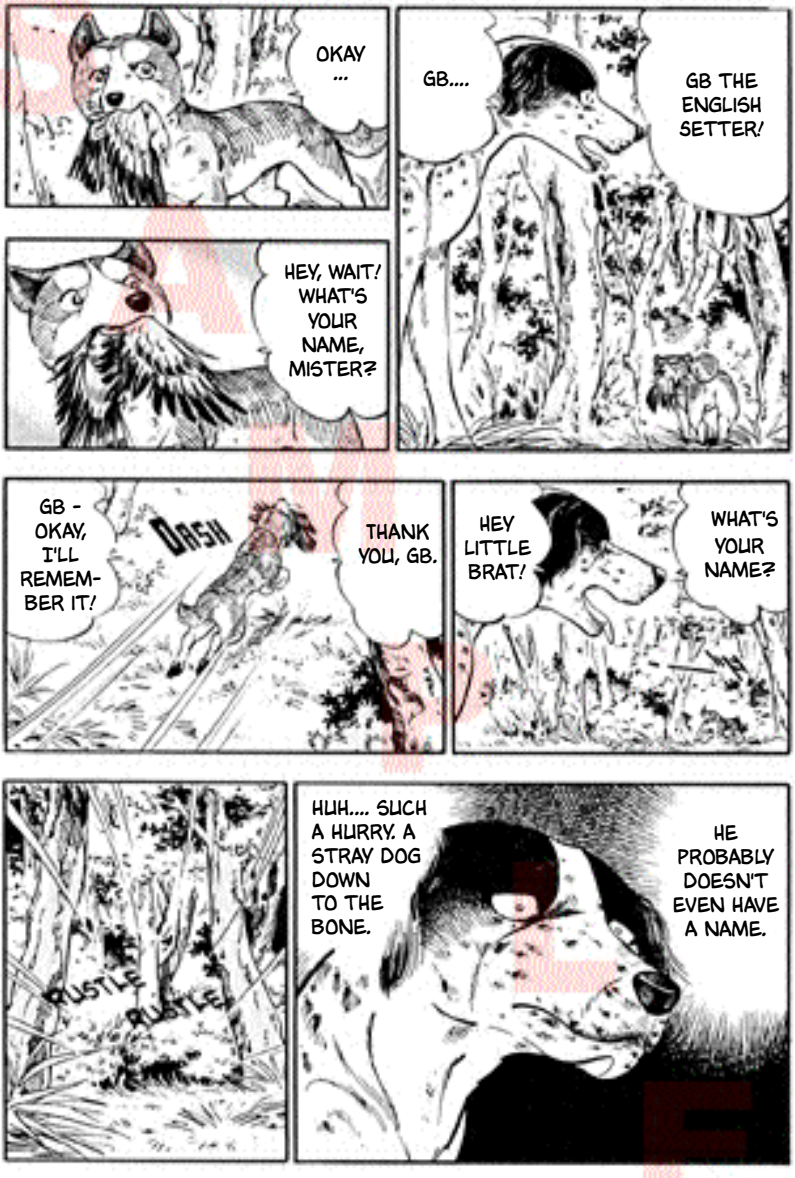

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU LITTLE BRAT?
THIS IS MY KILL!
GIVE IT BACK!
THAT'S MINE!
WHAT?!
ARE YOU CRAZY? I SAID, IT'S MINE!
KICK
SNIFF
SNIFF
YOU CHEATED!
YOU ONLY CAUGHT IT 'CAUSE I CHASED THEM OUT OF THE BUSH!!
STOP IT...
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.
I'VE HAD ALL I CAN STAND OF YOU, PUP!
!!

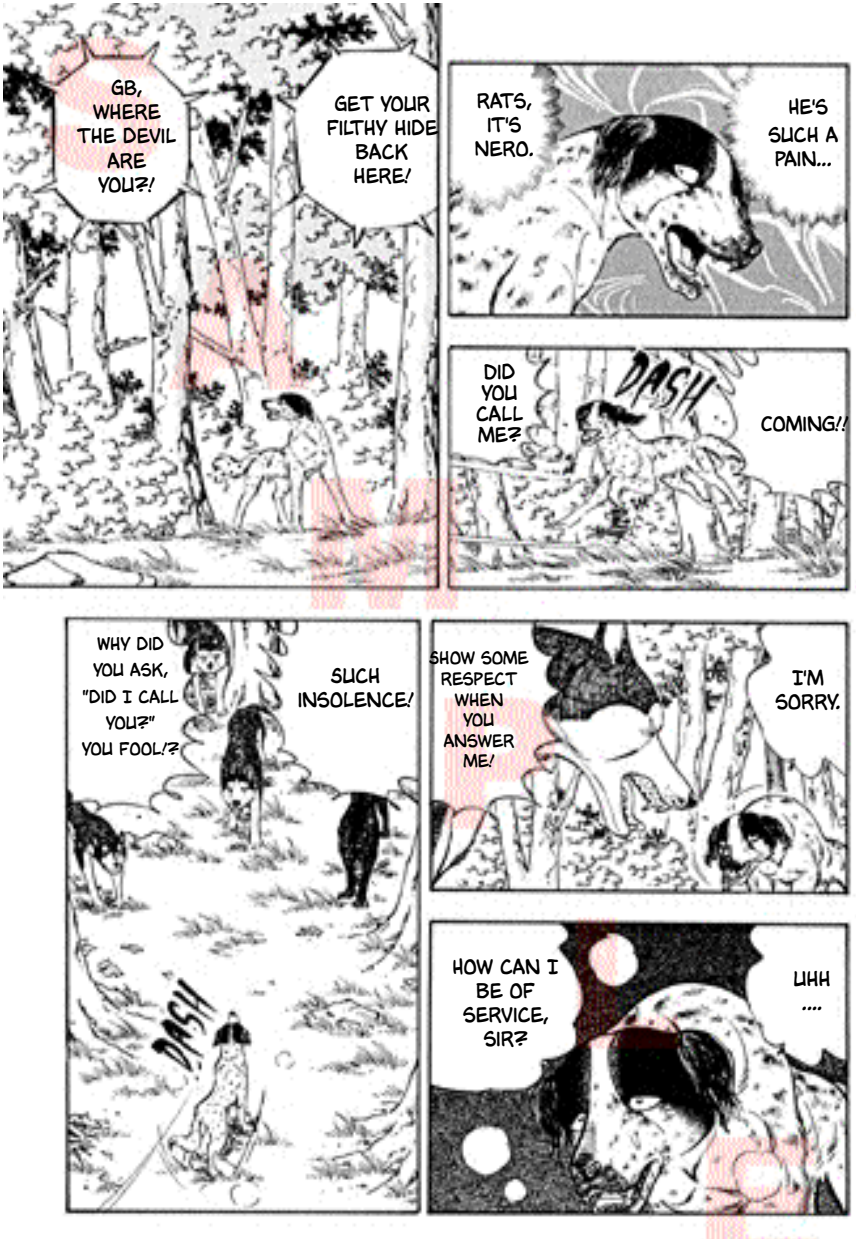
TIME FOR YOUR LESSON, BRAT!!
FIRST, DON'T FIGHT ANYONE BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN YOU!!
WOOSH
Thump
!!
AH!
GRRRR

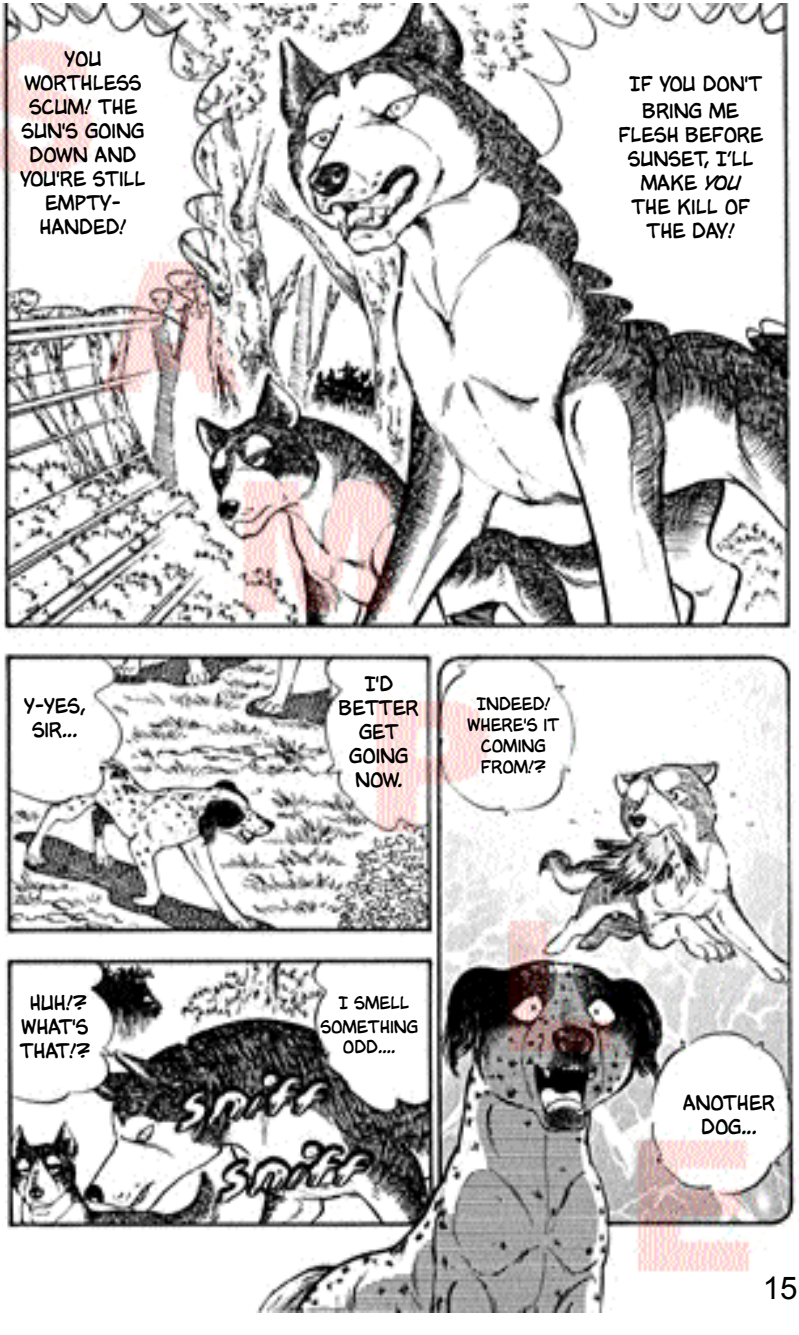

ACK!
SNATCH
YOU LITTLE BRAT!
BITE
THAT'S IT! NO MORE KID STUFF!
NO! THIS IS MINE.....
I WON'T LET IT GO!!
IF I WERE A LITTLE BIGGER, I-- I--I'D....
I'M SORRY, MOTHER.
I DON'T THINK I'LL MAKE IT BACK.....
SHUT UP AND TAKE YOUR MEDICINE!
UGH!


WHAT!? YOU'RE NOT ALONE?
.....
DROP
WHERE IS YOUR MOTHER?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "MOTHER?"
SHE'S ILL!
SHE CAN'T MOVE! SHE'S HAD NOTHING TO EAT OR DRINK FOR DAYS.
IT STILL DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO TAKE MY KILL.
WHAT YOU JUST DID IS CALLED *STEALING.*


FLUMP
TAKE IT AND HURRY UP.
BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND ....
SNATCH
THANK YOU, MISTER ....
WAIT! BEFORE YOU GO.
GET OFF THIS MOUNTAIN QUICKLY. THIS IS NERO'S TERRITORY.
HE DOESN'T CARE IF YOU'RE A WOMAN OR A CHILD--HE'LL KILL YOU...


OKAY ...
GB....
GB THE ENGLISH SETTER!
HEY, WAIT! WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MISTER?
GB - OKAY, I'LL REMEMBER IT!
DASH
THANK YOU, GB.
HEY LITTLE BRAT!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HUH.... SUCH A HURRY. A STRAY DOG DOWN TO THE BONE.
HE PROBABLY DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A NAME.


GB, WHERE THE DEVIL ARE YOU?!
GET YOUR FILTHY HIDE BACK HERE!
RATS, IT'S NERO.
HE'S SUCH A PAIN...
DID YOU CALL ME?
DASH
COMING!!
WHY DID YOU ASK, "DID I CALL YOU?" YOU FOOL!?
SUCH INSOLENCE!
DASH
SHOW SOME RESPECT WHEN YOU ANSWER ME!
I'M SORRY.
HOW CAN I BE OF SERVICE, SIR?
UHH ....

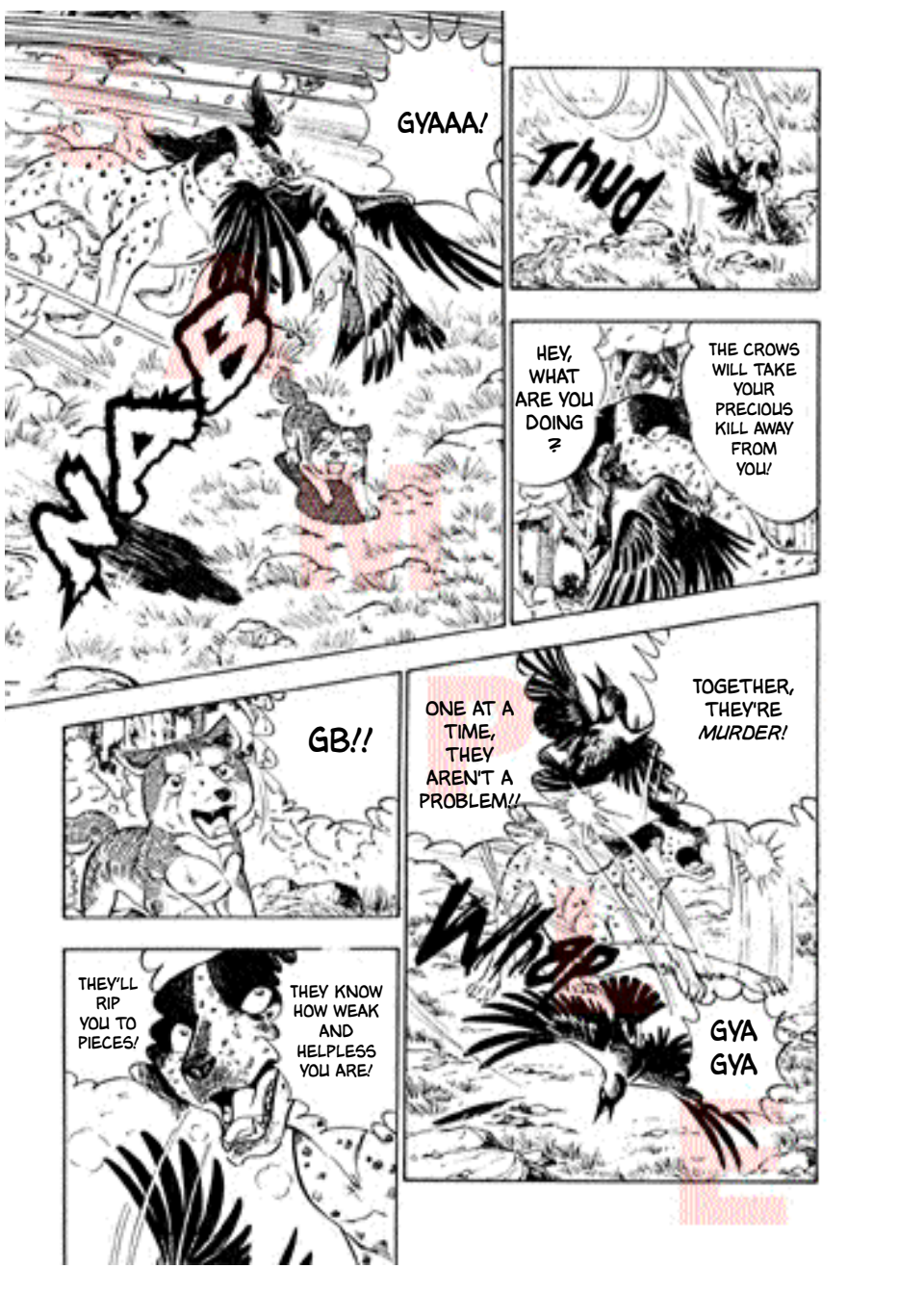

YOU WORTHLESS SCUM! THE SUN'S GOING DOWN AND YOU'RE STILL EMPTY-HANDED!
IF YOU DON'T BRING ME FLESH BEFORE SUNSET, I'LL MAKE *YOU* THE KILL OF THE DAY!
Y-YES, SIR...
I'D BETTER GET GOING NOW.
INDEED! WHERE'S IT COMING FROM!?
HUH!? WHAT'S THAT!?
I SMELL SOMETHING ODD....
SNIFF SNIFF
ANOTHER DOG...

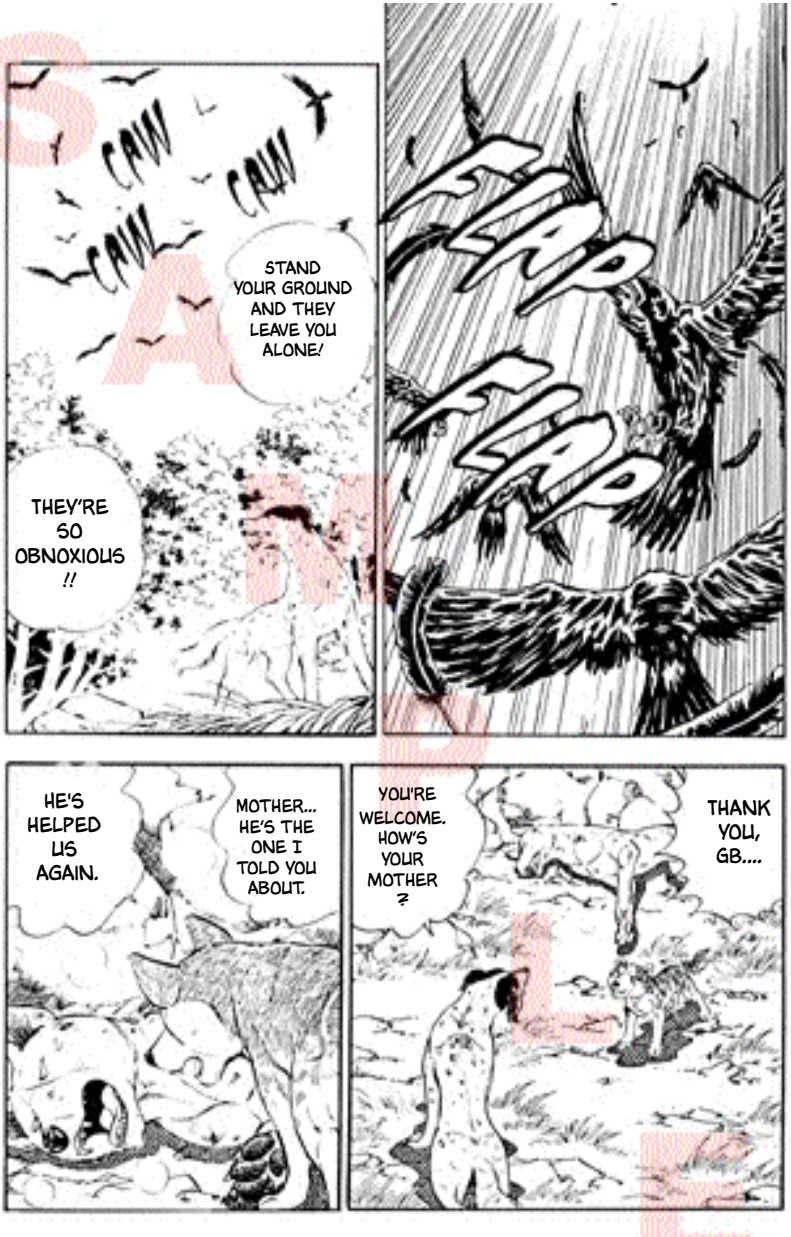
Phoot
OOPS!
UGGHH!, IT WAS YOU!
DANG IT, GB!
YOU AT LEAST COULD'VE BEEN DOWN-WIND.
I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH CONTROL WHEN NATURE CALLS!
HUH!?
FLAP
FLAP
CAW
CAW
CAW

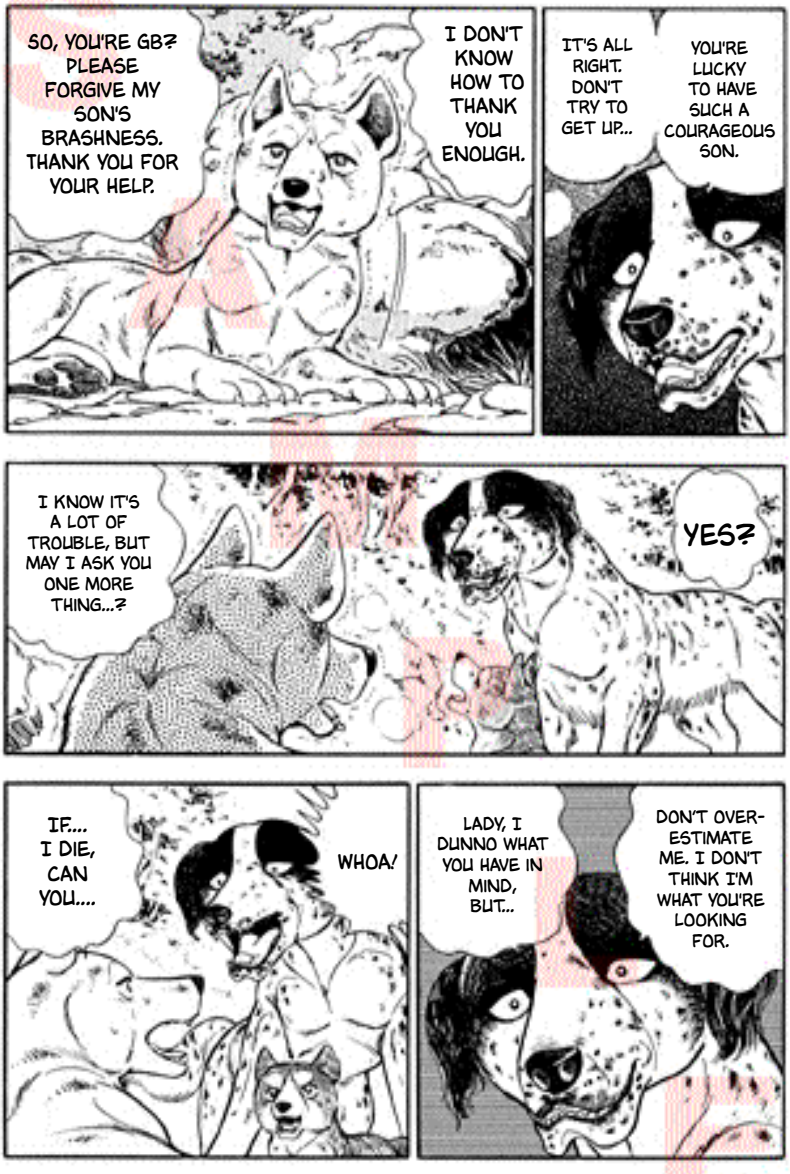
IT'S IN THE DIRECTION OF OKEGA-HARA
CAW
CAW
IT SEEMS THE CROWS HAVE FOUND A KILL.
GB, GO GET IT!
THAT'S YOUR JOB.
WHA?
DO WHAT YOU'RE TOLD! GO!
WE CAN'T SIT HERE KNOWING THE CROWS WILL GET IT FIRST!
AND DON'T COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED!
YES, YES.
WHO DO THEY THINK THEY ARE?
JERKS...

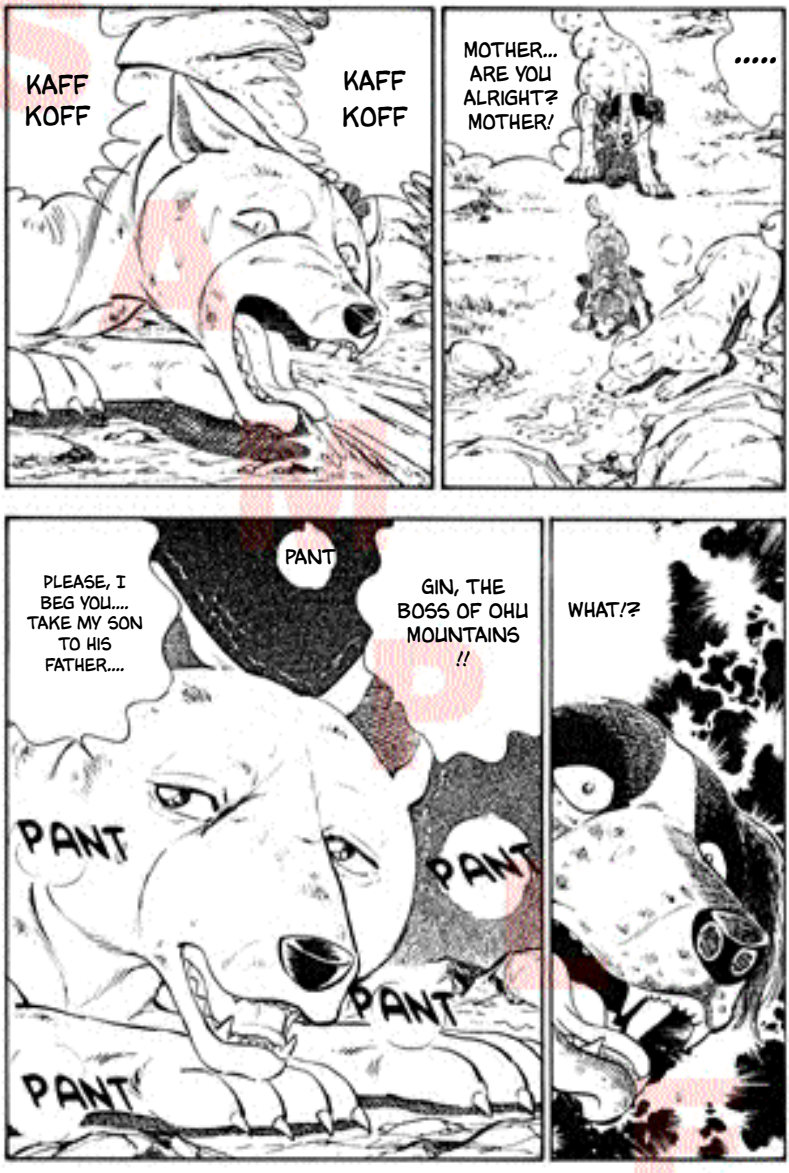
!!
WHAT'S THAT?
CAW
CAW
FLAP
FLAP

CURSE YOU, CROWS...!
GYA! GYA!
FLAP
Snap
FLAP
GET AWAY FROM US!!
IT'S THAT LITTLE BRAT!
COULD IT BE HIS MOTHER IS DEAD ...?
FLAP
FLAP
HEY - THAT'S MINE, DARN IT!
GIVE IT BACK.
GIVE IT BACK, THIEF!

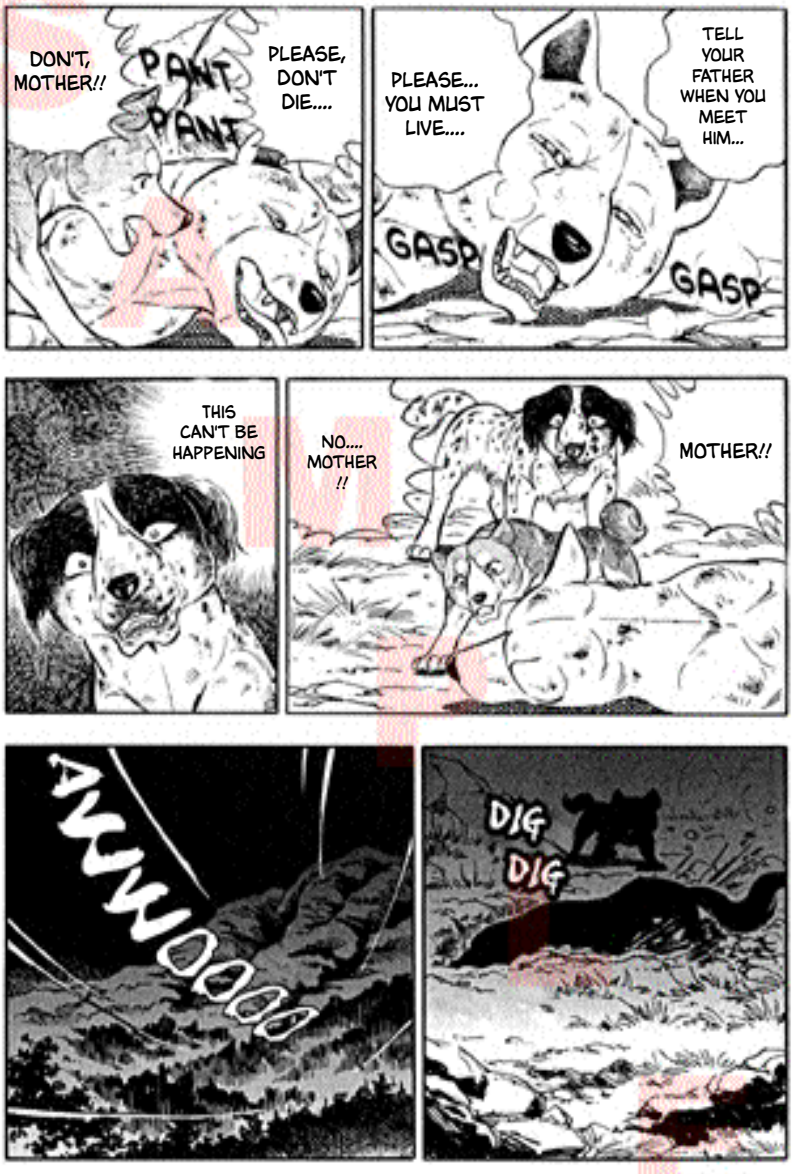

GYAAA!
NAB
thud
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THE CROWS WILL TAKE YOUR PRECIOUS KILL AWAY FROM YOU!
GB!!
ONE AT A TIME, THEY AREN'T A PROBLEM!!
TOGETHER, THEY'RE *MURDER!*
Whap
GYA GYA
THEY'LL RIP YOU TO PIECES!
THEY KNOW HOW WEAK AND HELPLESS YOU ARE!

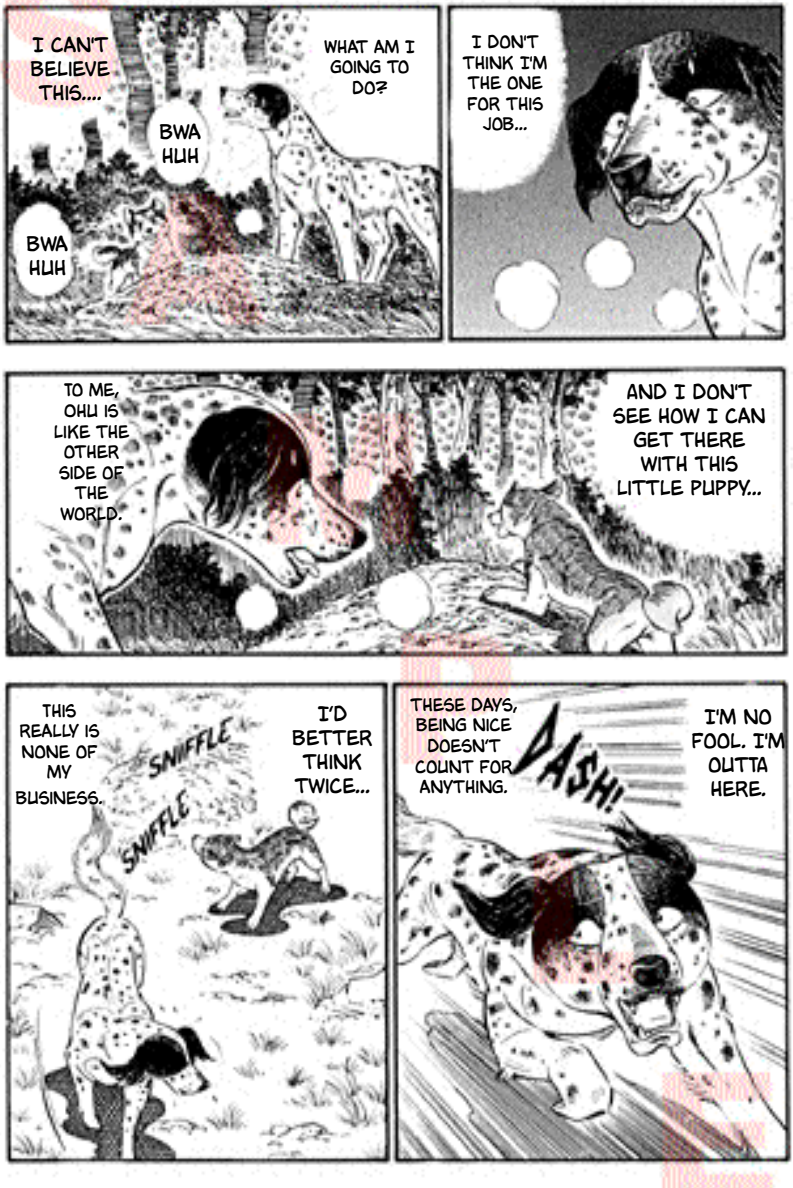

CAW CAW CAW
STAND YOUR GROUND AND THEY LEAVE YOU ALONE!
THEY'RE SO OBNOXIOUS !!
FLAP FLAP FLAP
HE'S HELPED US AGAIN.
MOTHER... HE'S THE ONE I TOLD YOU ABOUT.
YOU'RE WELCOME. HOW'S YOUR MOTHER ?
THANK YOU, GB....


SO, YOU'RE GB? PLEASE FORGIVE MY SON'S BRASHNESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU ENOUGH.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. DON'T TRY TO GET UP...
YOU'RE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A COURAGEOUS SON.
I KNOW IT'S A LOT OF TROUBLE, BUT MAY I ASK YOU ONE MORE THING...?
YES?
IF.... I DIE, CAN YOU....
WHOA!
LADY, I DUNNO WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND, BUT...
DON'T OVER-ESTIMATE ME. I DON'T THINK I'M WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.


KAFF KOFF
KAFF KOFF
MOTHER... ARE YOU ALRIGHT? MOTHER!
.....
PLEASE, I BEG YOU.... TAKE MY SON TO HIS FATHER....
PANT
GIN, THE BOSS OF OHU MOUNTAINS !!
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
WHAT!?

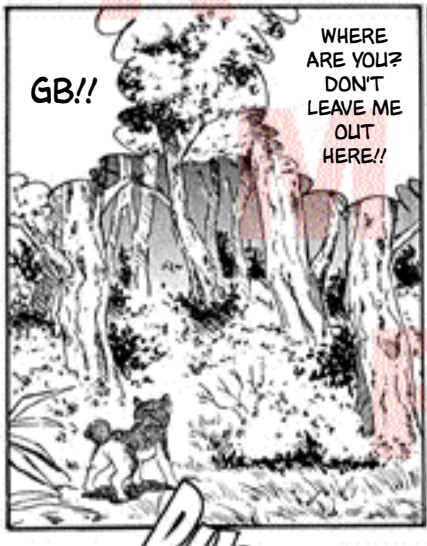
THE BOSS OF OHU?! YOU MEAN.... THE LEGENDARY DOG WHO DEFEATED A GIANT BEAR BY GATHERING DOGS FROM ALL OVER JAPAN 10 YEARS AGO?!
HE'S STILL ALIVE?
AND THIS IS THAT BOSS' SON....
BUT... WHY, HERE, SO FAR AWAY FROM OHU?
I'M SORRY.
GOOD-BYE... MY SON....
PROMISE ME THAT YOU WILL LISTEN TO GB.
MOM, PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME!


DON'T, MOTHER!!
PANT PANT
PLEASE, DON'T DIE....
PLEASE... YOU MUST LIVE....
TELL YOUR FATHER WHEN YOU MEET HIM...
GASP
GASP
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING
NO.... MOTHER !!
MOTHER!!
AWWOOOO
DIG
DIG


I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS....
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
BWA HUH
BWA HUH
I DON'T THINK I'M THE ONE FOR THIS JOB...
TO ME, OHU IS LIKE THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD.
AND I DON'T SEE HOW I CAN GET THERE WITH THIS LITTLE PUPPY...
THIS REALLY IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS.
SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
I'D BETTER THINK TWICE...
THESE DAYS, BEING NICE DOESN'T COUNT FOR ANYTHING.
DASH!
I'M NO FOOL. I'M OUTTA HERE.

WSSSH

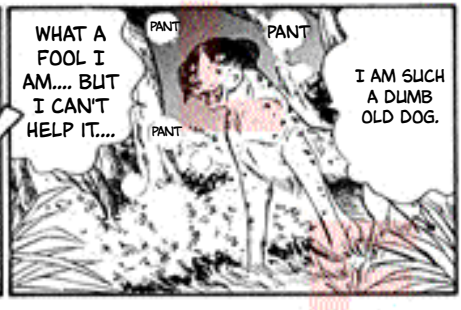
GB!
WHAT IS IT!?
GB!!


GB!!
WHERE ARE YOU? DON'T LEAVE ME OUT HERE!!

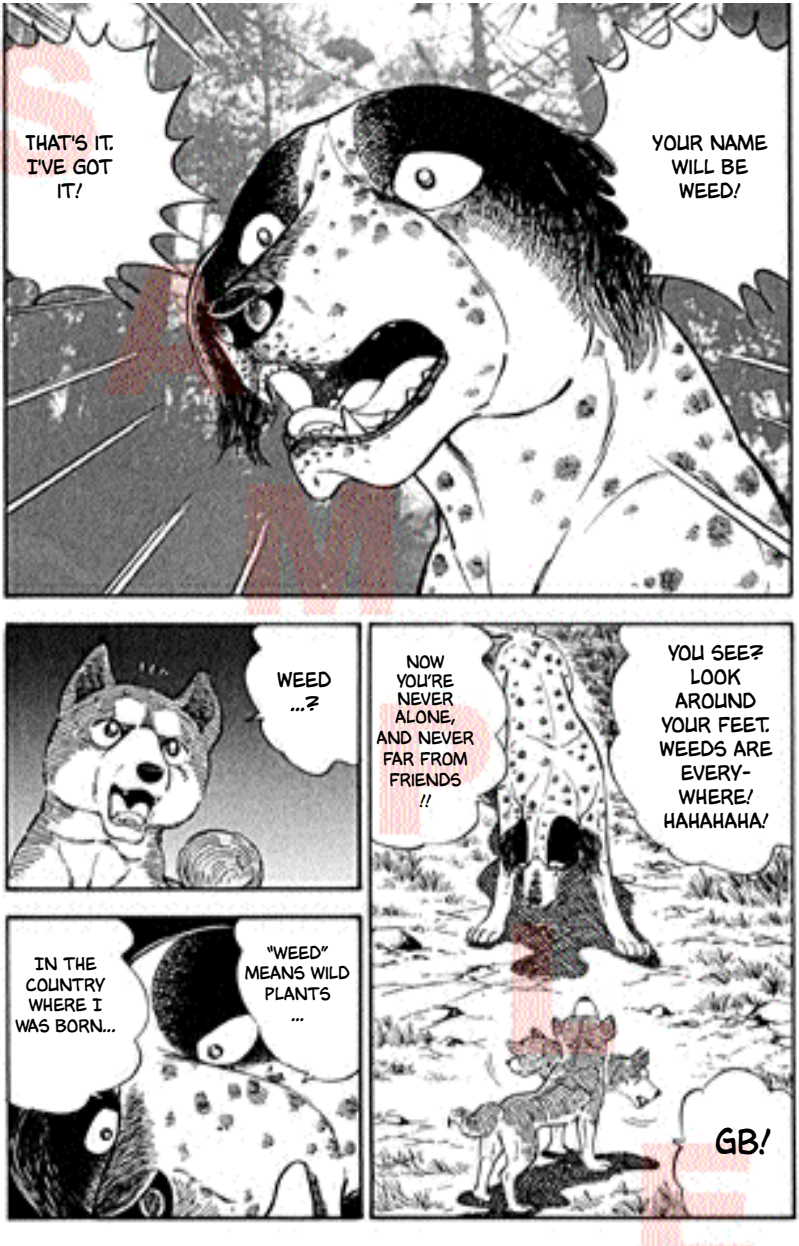
.....

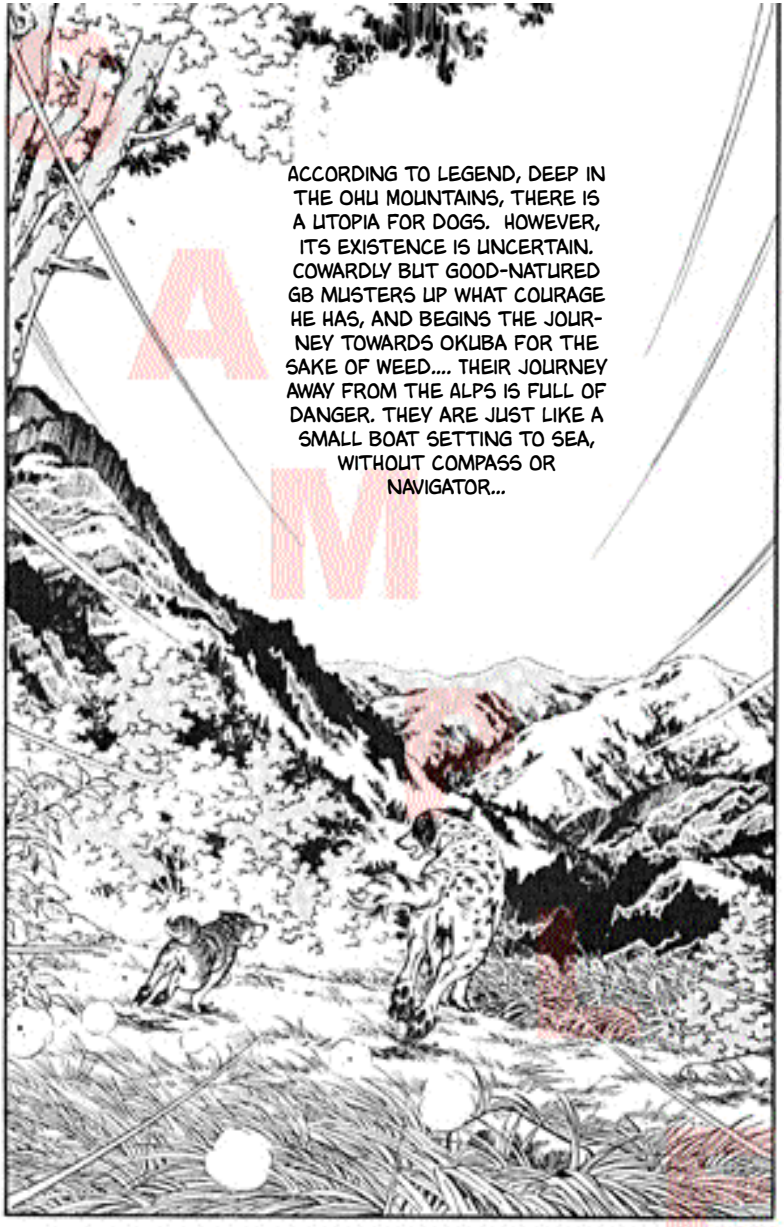
WAH HAH HUH
WAH HAH HUH

RUSTLE!


WHAT A FOOL I AM.... BUT I CAN'T HELP IT....
PANT
PANT
PANT
I AM SUCH A DUMB OLD DOG.

BUT I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU ALONE...
YOU'RE SO YOUNG-- AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A NAME...
GB! YOU'RE BACK!
BUT I WON'T SPOIL YOU, LITTLE GUY.
GB...
WELL, HE'LL ACT LIKE A BABY AS LONG AS I CALL HIM "LITTLE ONE"...
ALL RIGHT! I'LL FIND HIM A GOOD NAME.
A REAL STRONG NAME.
SMALL, BUT POWERFUL.
LET ME THINK....
ANYTHING WILL BE FINE, AS LONG AS YOU CHOOSE IT.


THAT'S IT. I'VE GOT IT!
YOUR NAME WILL BE WEED!
WEED ...?
NOW YOU'RE NEVER ALONE, AND NEVER FAR FROM FRIENDS !!
YOU SEE? LOOK AROUND YOUR FEET. WEEDS ARE EVERY-WHERE! HAHAHAHA!
IN THE COUNTRY WHERE I WAS BORN...
"WEED" MEANS WILD PLANTS ...
GB!


ACCORDING TO LEGEND, DEEP IN THE OHU MOUNTAINS, THERE IS A UTOPIA FOR DOGS. HOWEVER, ITS EXISTENCE IS UNCERTAIN. COWARDLY BUT GOOD-NATURED GB MUSTERS UP WHAT COURAGE HE HAS, AND BEGINS THE JOURNEY TOWARDS OKUBA FOR THE SAKE OF WEED.... THEIR JOURNEY AWAY FROM THE ALPS IS FULL OF DANGER. THEY ARE JUST LIKE A SMALL BOAT SETTING TO SEA, WITHOUT COMPASS OR NAVIGATOR...

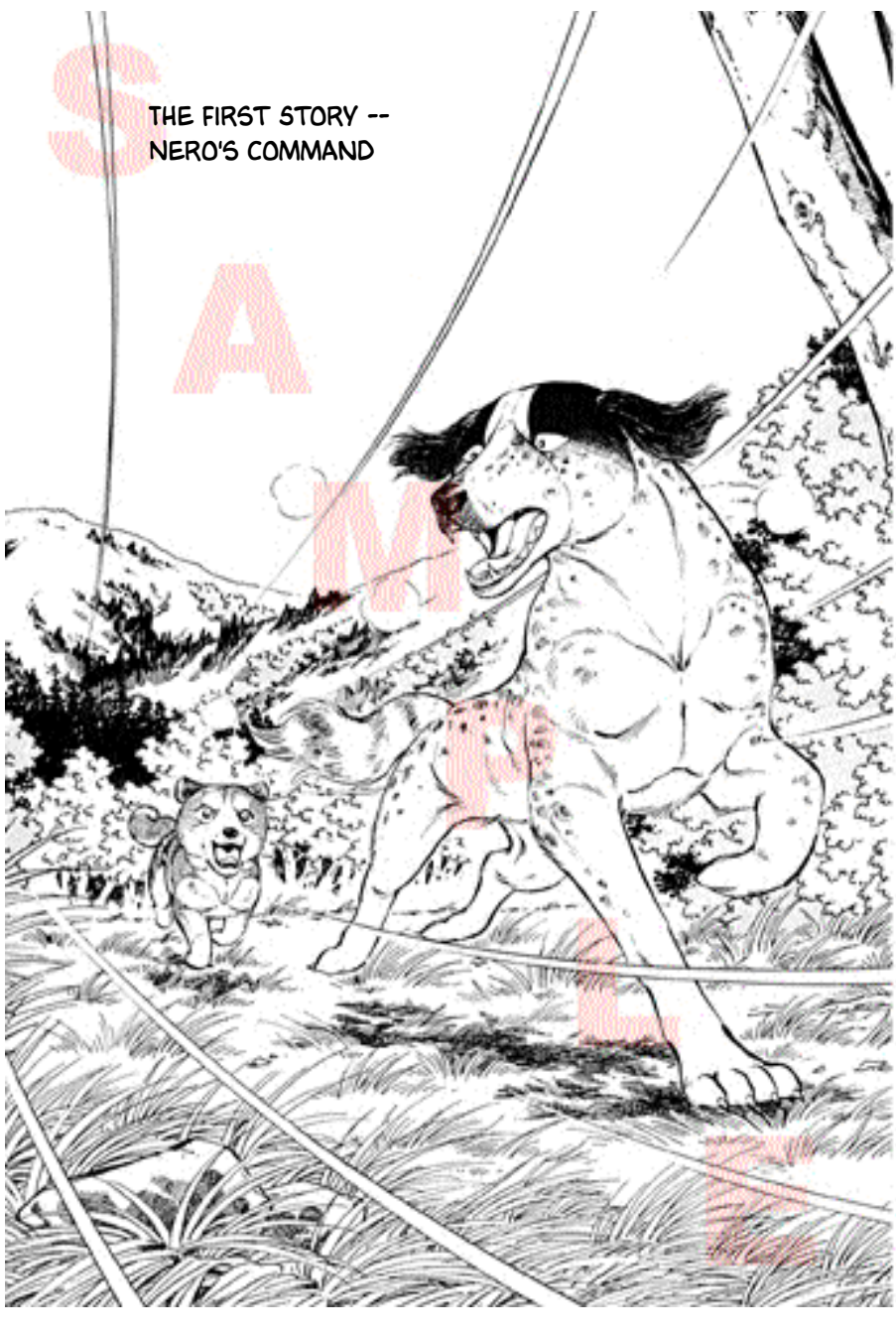
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
IS THIS ALL YOU HAVE..... AFTER I GAVE YOU 3 EXTRA DAYS!?

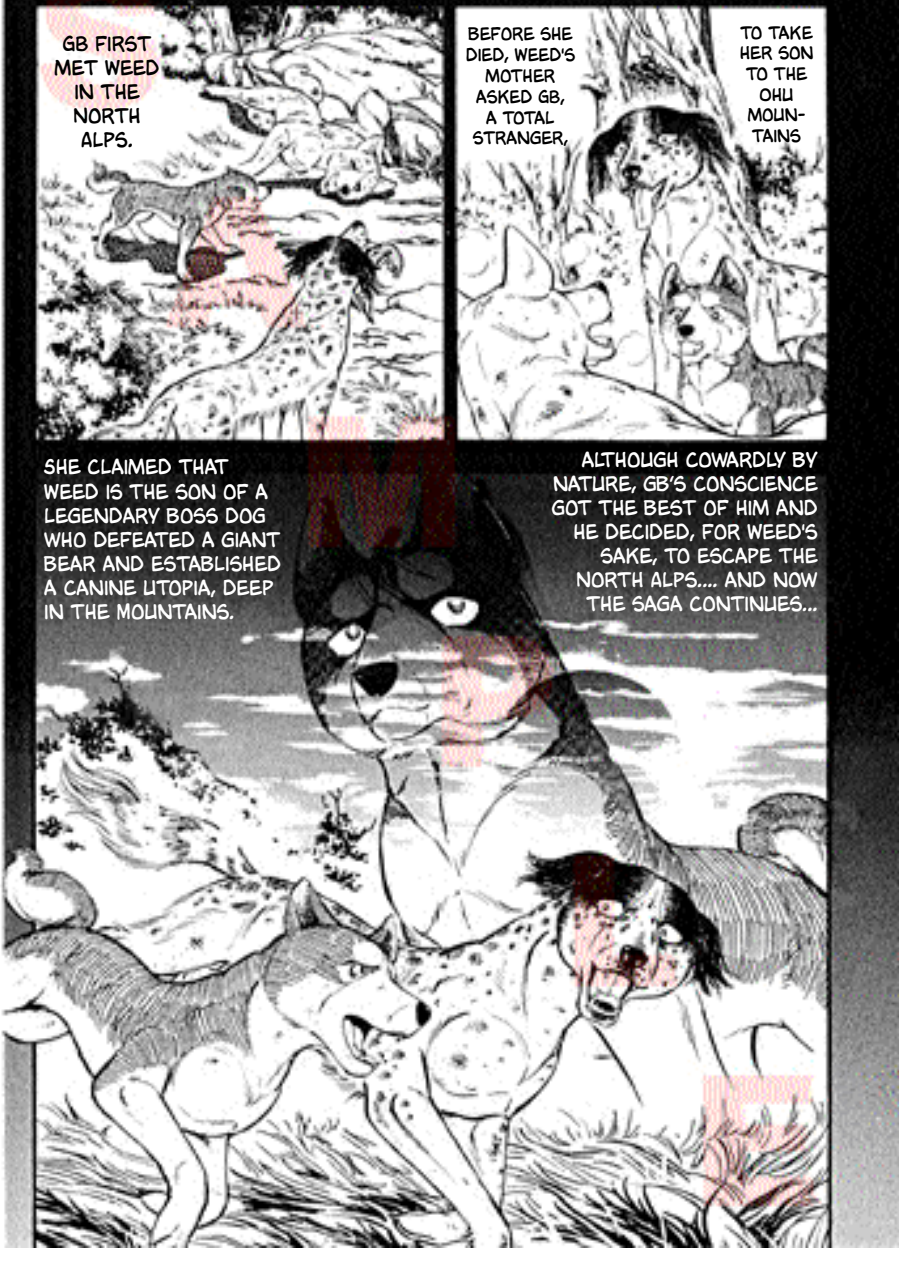
GET REAL...
CRAP LIKE THIS IS FOR BIRDS! WE'RE NOT CROWS!!

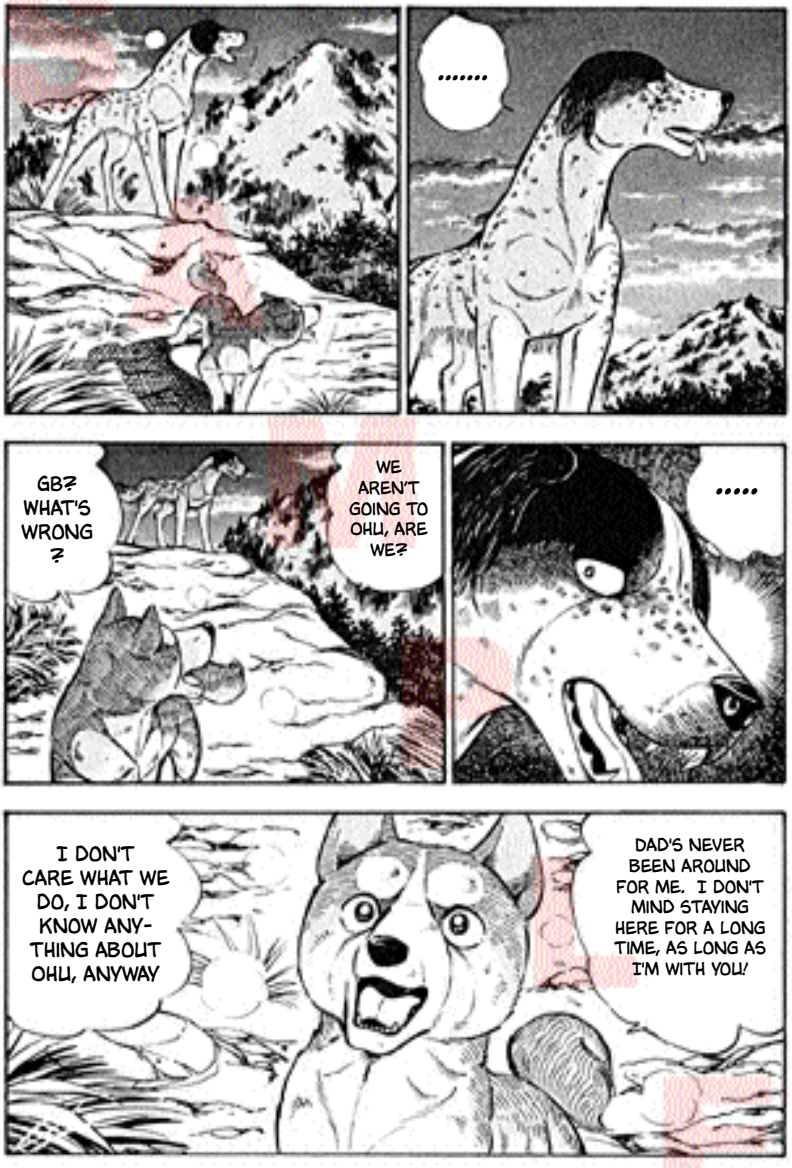
WHO COULD EAT THIS STUFF?
BUT... BOSS!!
FLING

YOU SENT ME TO THE SWAMP.
THIS WAS ALL THERE WAS.
SHUT UP!
THE TOWN IS NOBODY'S TURF.
TODAY I HAVE A CRAVING FOR SOME BIRD MEAT...

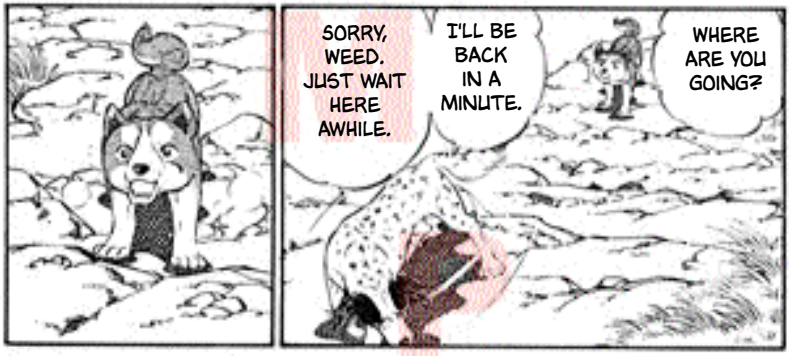
BUT.... IF GUYS LIKE US ROAM AROUND TOWN....
WE'LL BE PUT IN A POUND FOR SURE!
FOOL. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN FIND BIRDS IN TOWN?
THERE'S A FARM AT THE END OF THE MOUNTAIN STREAM.
THERE ARE SEVERAL GEESE IN THE POND...
....!!
FIND GB, AND TAKE HIM WITH YOU AS A GUARD.
TELL HIM IT'S MY ORDERS AND HE'LL FOLLOW.
GB IS A COWARD!
TAKING HIM WON'T DO ANY GOOD.
SHUT UP! JUST DO AS I SAY.
AND HURRY UP!

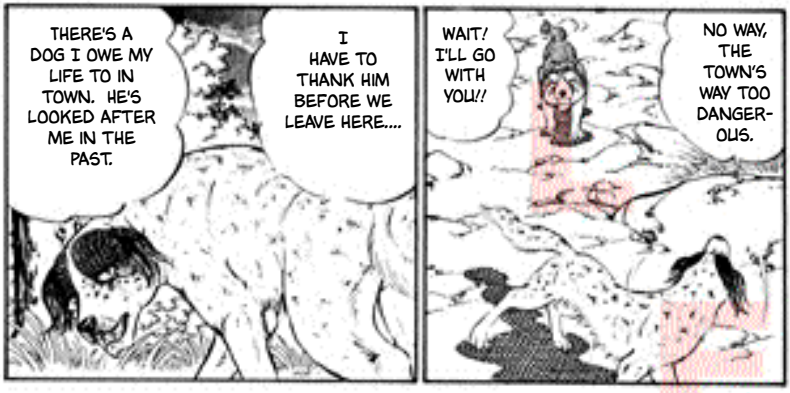

THE FIRST STORY --
NERO'S COMMAND

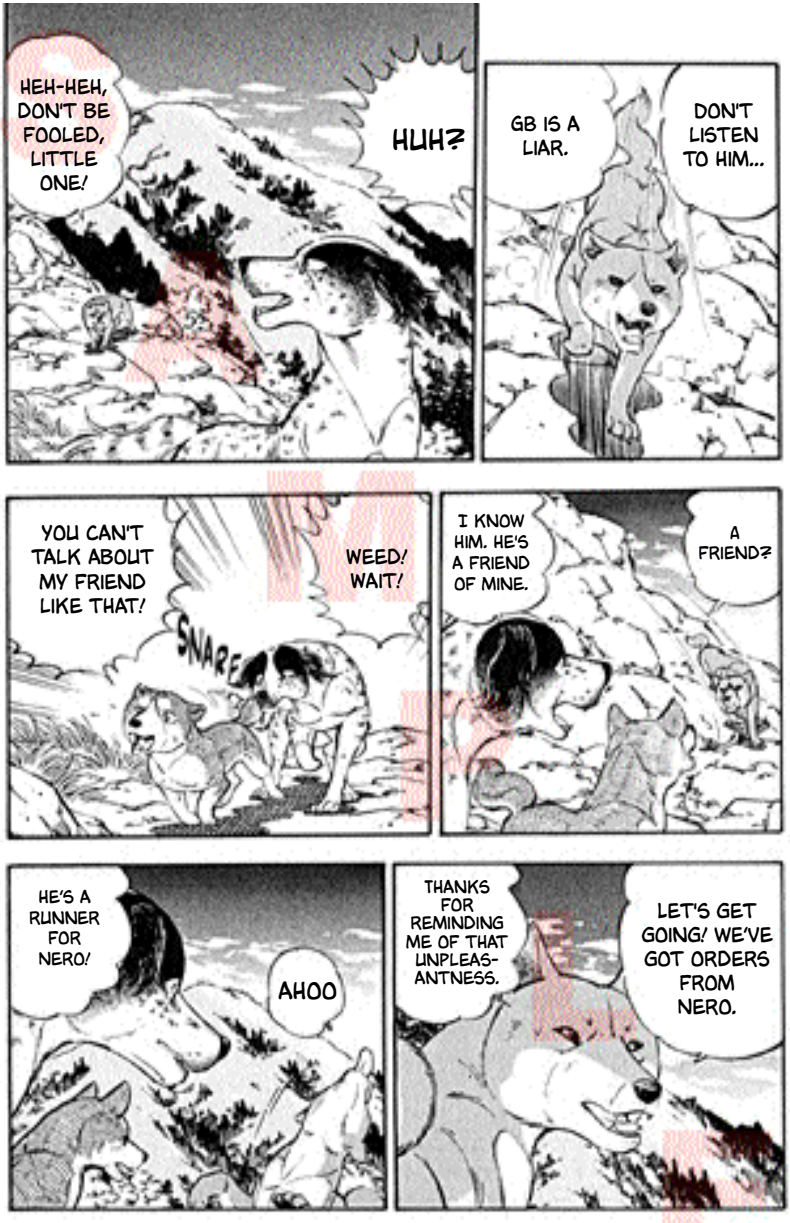

GB FIRST MET WEED IN THE NORTH ALPS.
BEFORE SHE DIED, WEED'S MOTHER ASKED GB, A TOTAL STRANGER,
TO TAKE HER SON TO THE OHU MOUN-TAINS
SHE CLAIMED THAT WEED IS THE SON OF A LEGENDARY BOSS DOG WHO DEFEATED A GIANT BEAR AND ESTABLISHED A CANINE UTOPIA, DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS.
ALTHOUGH COWARDLY BY NATURE, GB'S CONSCIENCE GOT THE BEST OF HIM AND HE DECIDED, FOR WEED'S SAKE, TO ESCAPE THE NORTH ALPS.... AND NOW THE SAGA CONTINUES...

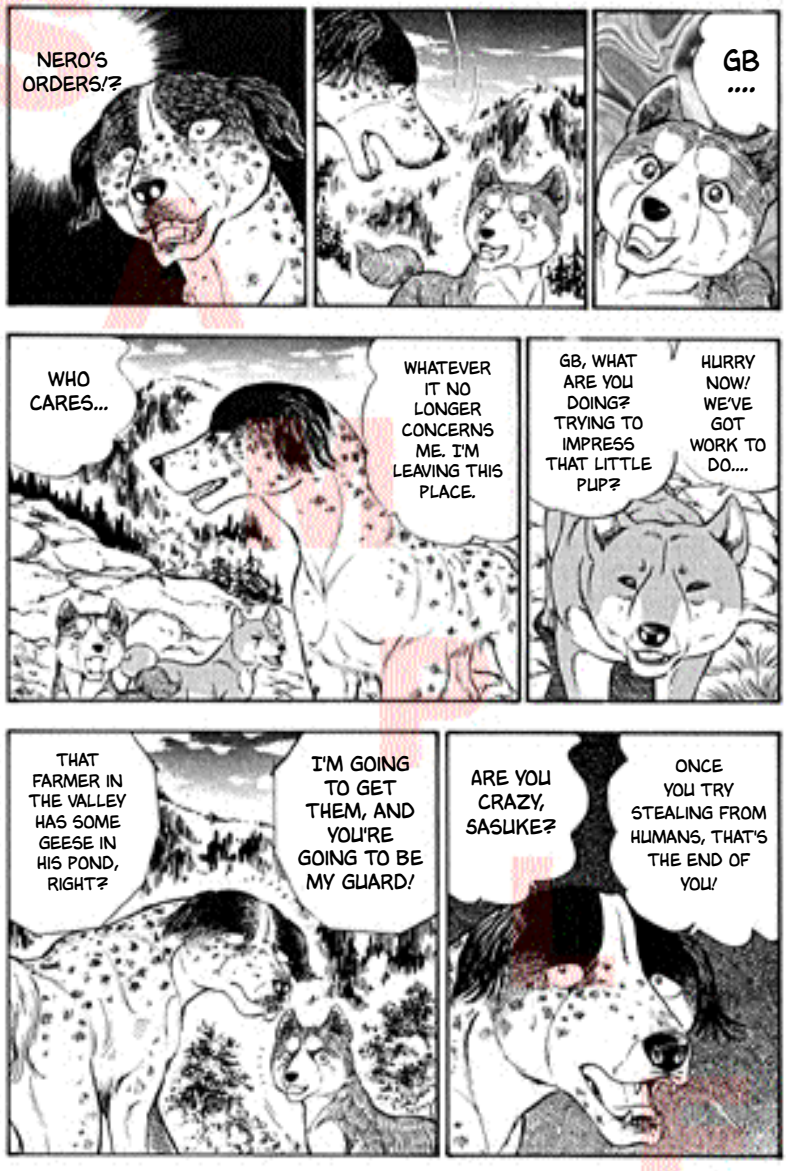

.....
GB? WHAT'S WRONG?
WE AREN'T GOING TO OHU, ARE WE?
.....
I DON'T CARE WHAT WE DO, I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT OHU, ANYWAY
DAD'S NEVER BEEN AROUND FOR ME. I DON'T MIND STAYING HERE FOR A LONG TIME, AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU!

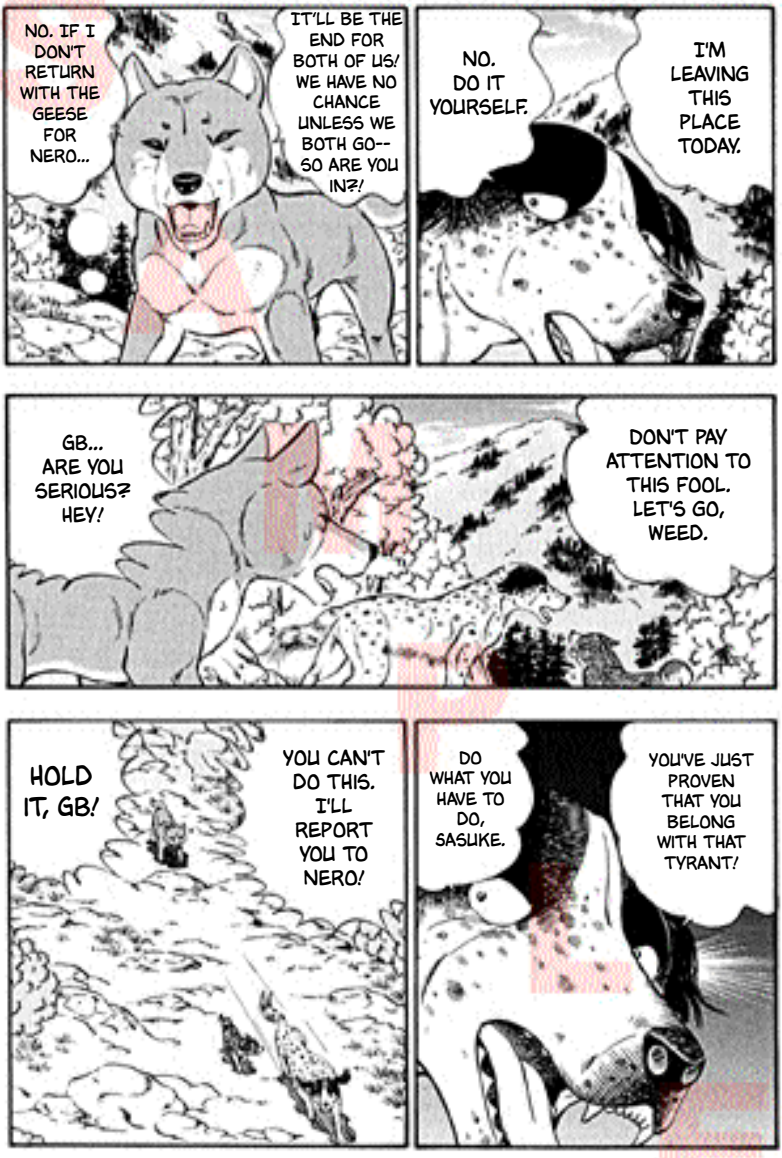
FOOL! DON'T TALK NONSENSE!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS A SUITABLE HOME FOR YOU?


SORRY, WEED. JUST WAIT HERE AWHILE.
I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


THERE'S A DOG I OWE MY LIFE TO IN TOWN. HE'S LOOKED AFTER ME IN THE PAST.
I HAVE TO THANK HIM BEFORE WE LEAVE HERE....
WAIT! I'LL GO WITH YOU!!
NO WAY, THE TOWN'S WAY TOO DANGER-OUS.

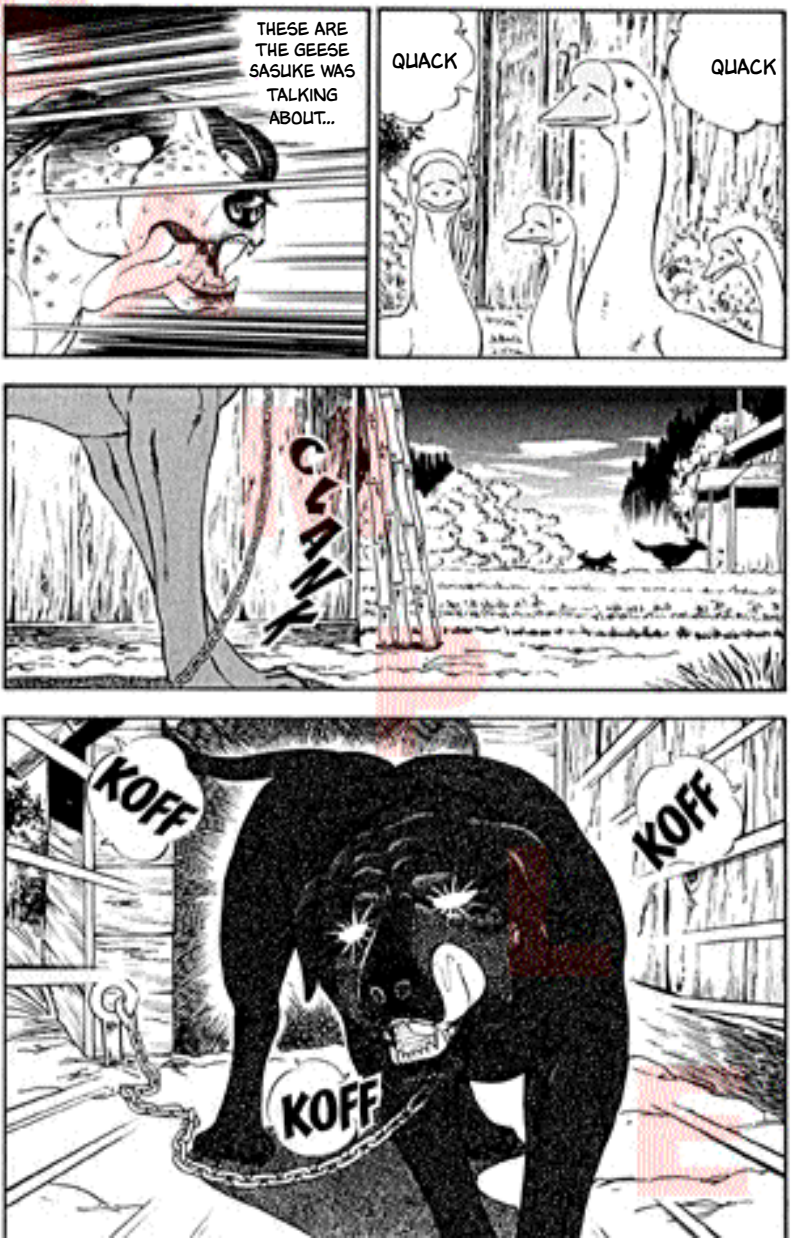

HEH-HEH, DON'T BE FOOLED, LITTLE ONE!
HUH?
GB IS A LIAR.
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM...
YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT MY FRIEND LIKE THAT!
WEED! WAIT!
SNARE
I KNOW HIM. HE'S A FRIEND OF MINE.
A FRIEND?
HE'S A RUNNER FOR NERO!
AHOO
THANKS FOR REMINDING ME OF THAT UNPLEAS-ANTNESS.
LET'S GET GOING! WE'VE GOT ORDERS FROM NERO.


NERO'S ORDERS!?
GB ....
WHO CARES...
WHATEVER IT NO LONGER CONCERNS ME. I'M LEAVING THIS PLACE.
GB, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TRYING TO IMPRESS THAT LITTLE PUP?
HURRY NOW! WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO....
THAT FARMER IN THE VALLEY HAS SOME GEESE IN HIS POND, RIGHT?
I'M GOING TO GET THEM, AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY GUARD!
ARE YOU CRAZY, SASUKE?
ONCE YOU TRY STEALING FROM HUMANS, THAT'S THE END OF YOU!


NO. IF I DON'T RETURN WITH THE GEESE FOR NERO...
IT'LL BE THE END FOR BOTH OF US! WE HAVE NO CHANCE UNLESS WE BOTH GO-- SO ARE YOU IN?!
NO. DO IT YOURSELF.
I'M LEAVING THIS PLACE TODAY.
GB... ARE YOU SERIOUS? HEY!
DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THIS FOOL. LET'S GO, WEED.
HOLD IT, GB!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS. I'LL REPORT YOU TO NERO!
DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO, SASUKE.
YOU'VE JUST PROVEN THAT YOU BELONG WITH THAT TYRANT!

GB ....
I'M GOING TO CHANGE, STARTING TODAY.
I HAVE A NEW PURPOSE.
DASH
IF I DON'T CHANGE ...
NOTHING IN THIS WORLD WILL CHANGE.
YOU AREN'T FOOLING ANYONE! NOT EVEN THE PUPPY!
IF YOU WANT TO THINK THAT WAY, GO AHEAD!!
YOU'LL BE SORRY!
THIS CHARADE WON'T LAST, GB...!

QUACK
QUACK


THESE ARE THE GEESE SASUKE WAS TALKING ABOUT...
QUACK
QUACK
CLANK
KOFF
KOFF
KOFF

WEED, WATCH OUT FOR CARS IN THIS TOWN!
STAY ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET!
VRRUMMM
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
GB... HOW DO WE FIND THE GUY YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?
DOES HE LIVE AROUND HERE?
RIGHT OVER THERE ...
THERE HE IS!
HIDE!
HUH?
HOP
HOP
HOP

THAT'S HIM. THE ONE WHO TOOK CARE OF ME.
HE MUST BE JUST GETTING BACK FROM A WALK.
I SEE... HE'S SOME-ONE'S PET.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIS LEG?
I WAS ONCE A PET, TOO!
IT WAS A VERY CUSHY LIFESTYLE: EVERY DAY-- SURROUNDED BY A KIND, LOVING FAMILY.
HE LOST A LEG TRYING TO SAVE ME.
WHAT?

MY LUCK CHANGED ALL AT ONCE, THOUGH....
MY OWNER, AN ELITE BANKER, WAS SUSPECTED OF ILLEGAL INVESTING AT A TIME WHEN A LOT OF ECONOMIC BUBBLES WERE BURSTING...

IT WAS RAINING HARD THAT DAY.
MY OWNER DROVE ME HERE....

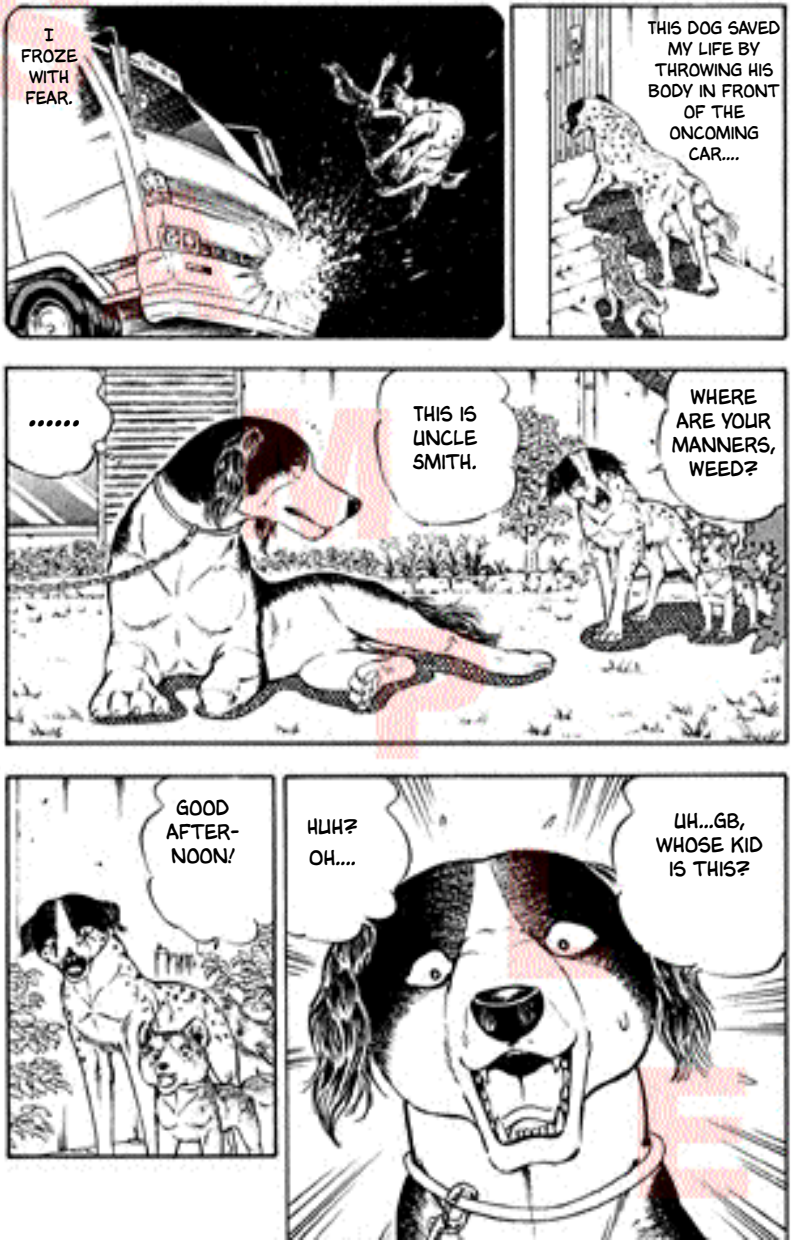
WHEN HE GOT OUT OF THE CAR, HE SAID:
ALL RIGHT... GO, GB. YOU'RE FREE.

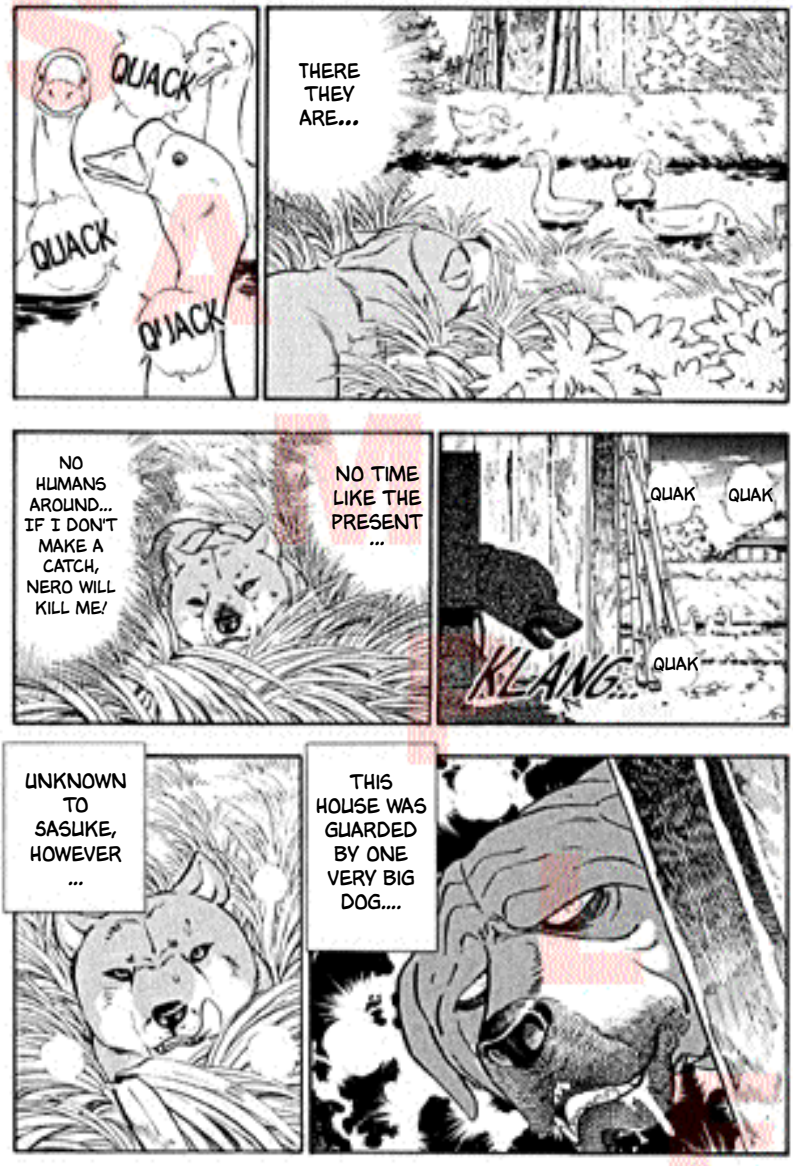
I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE MY MASTER, SO I TRIED TO STAY.
HE STARTED HITTING ME WITH A LEASH... CRYING:

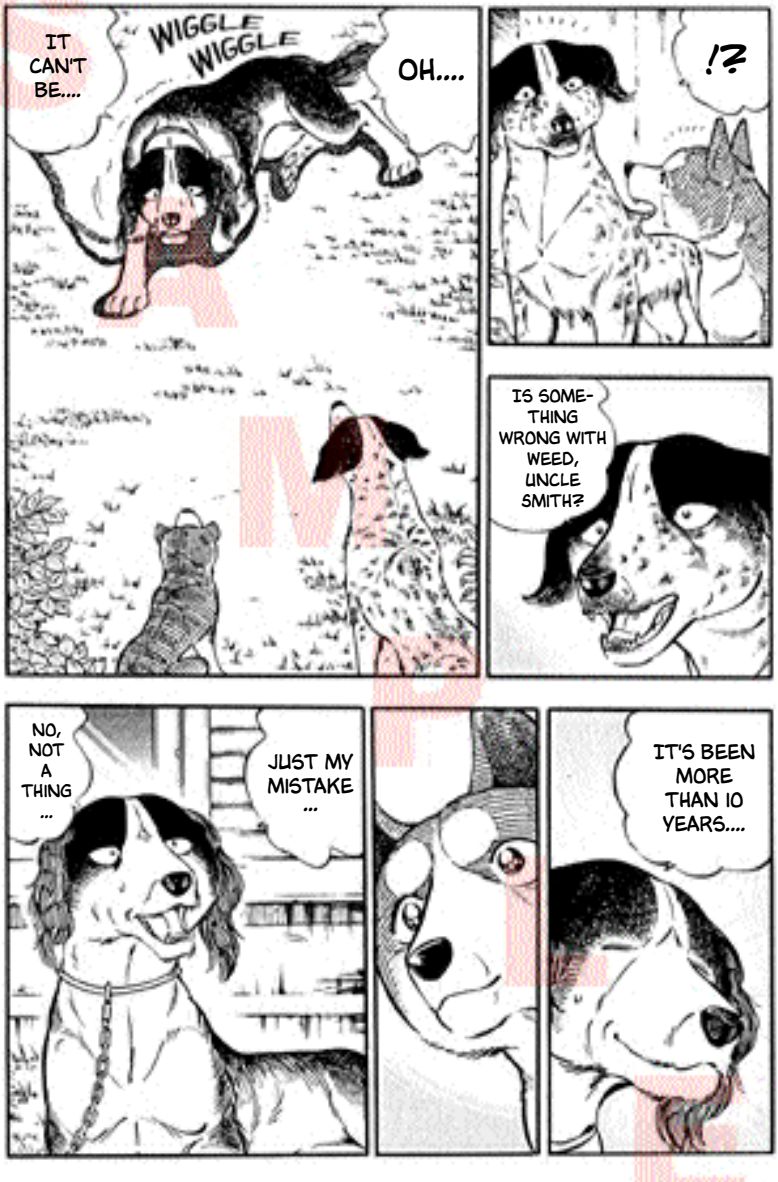
GO AWAY NOW!
GO! DON'T YOU GET IT?
SLAP!

UNTIL THEN, HE'D NEVER HIT ME.
THAT'S WHY I LEFT, FEARING THE MASTER I ONCE CARED ABOUT.
EVENTUALLY I WENT BACK TO HIM, ONLY TO FIND...
HE'D HANGED HIMSELF.
WEEE-OOO!
WEEE-OOO!
WEEE-OOO!
WEEE-OOO!
WEEE-OOO!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING MY OWNER!!

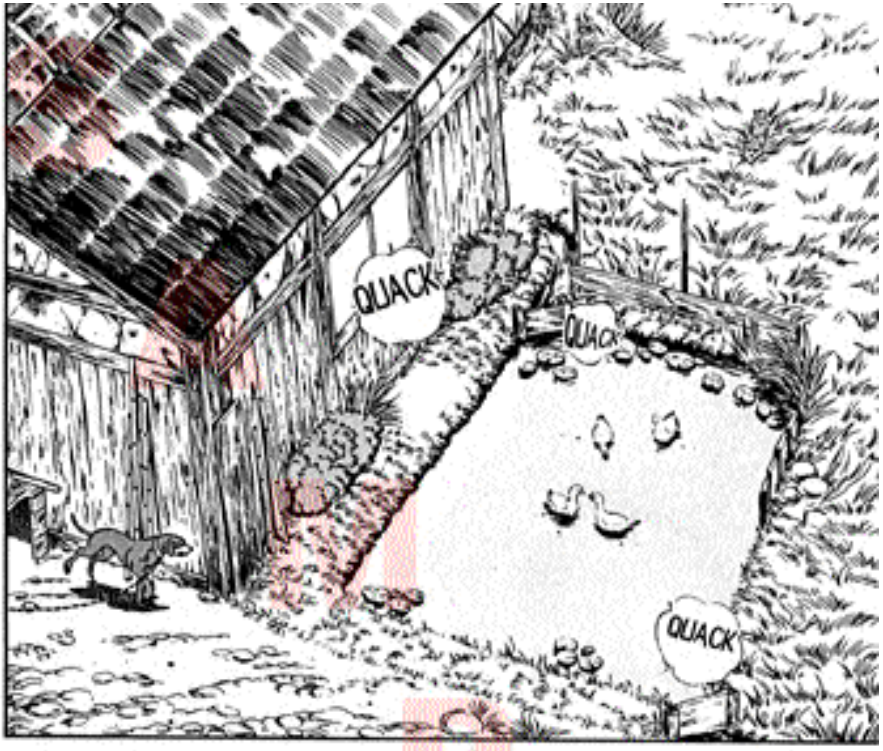
HOLLY
SCREEECH!
DASH!

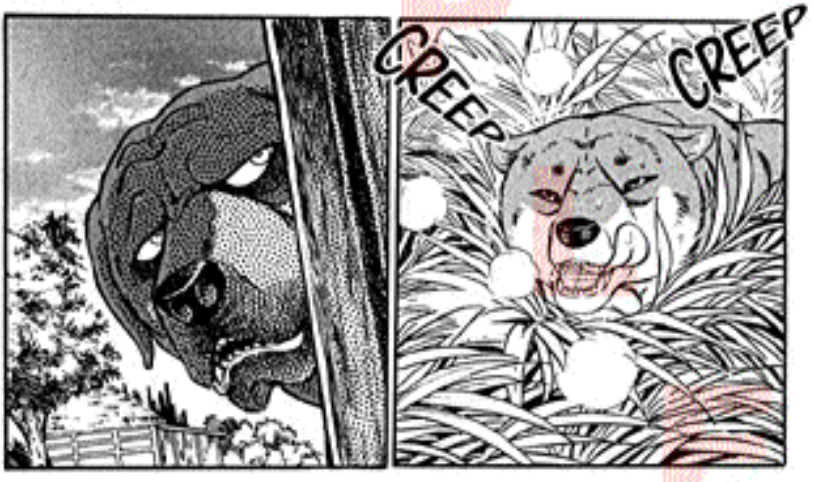

I FROZE WITH FEAR.
THIS DOG SAVED MY LIFE BY THROWING HIS BODY IN FRONT OF THE ONCOMING CAR....
.....
THIS IS UNCLE SMITH.
WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS, WEED?
GOOD AFTER-NOON!
HUH? OH....
UH...GB, WHOSE KID IS THIS?


QUACK
QUACK
QUACK
THERE THEY ARE...
NO HUMANS AROUND... IF I DON'T MAKE A CATCH, NERO WILL KILL ME!
NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT ...
QUAK
QUAK
KLANG...
QUAK
UNKNOWN TO SASUKE, HOWEVER ...
THIS HOUSE WAS GUARDED BY ONE VERY BIG DOG....


IT CAN'T BE....
WIGGLE WIGGLE
OH....
!?
IS SOME-THING WRONG WITH WEED, UNCLE SMITH?
NO, NOT A THING ...
JUST MY MISTAKE ...
IT'S BEEN MORE THAN 10 YEARS....

THE 2ND STORY --
PERPLEXITY

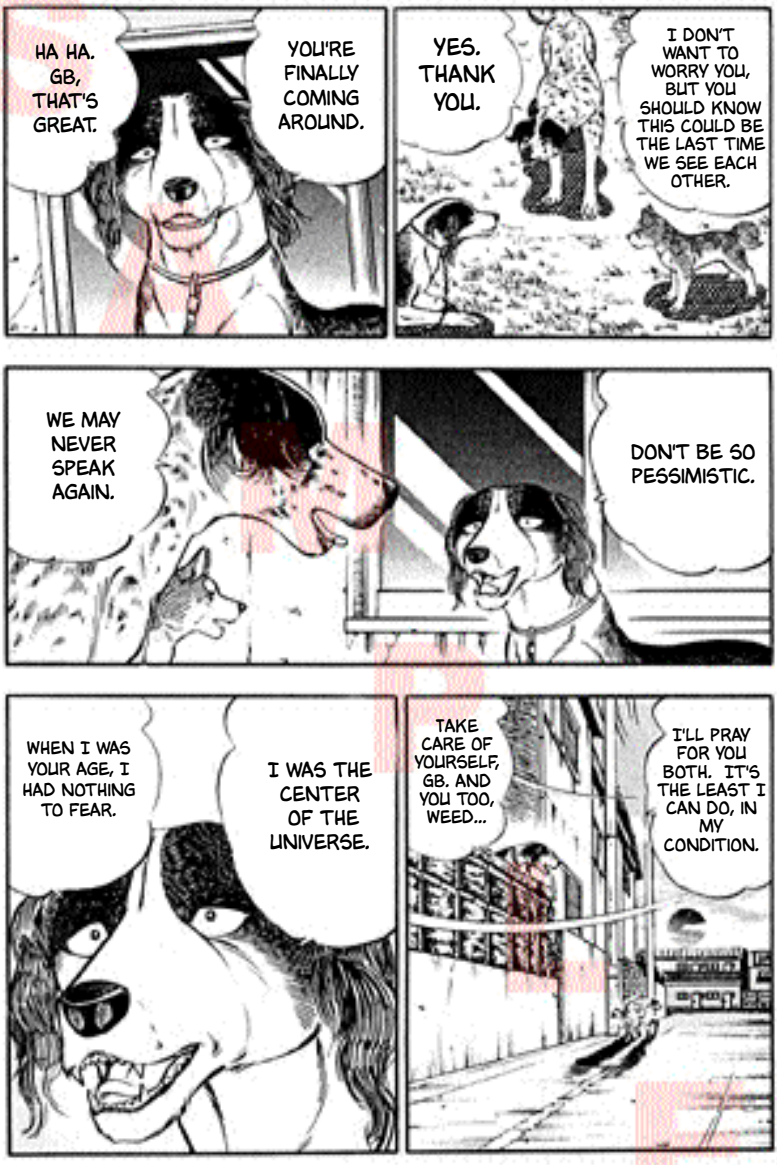

QUACK
QUACK
QUACK

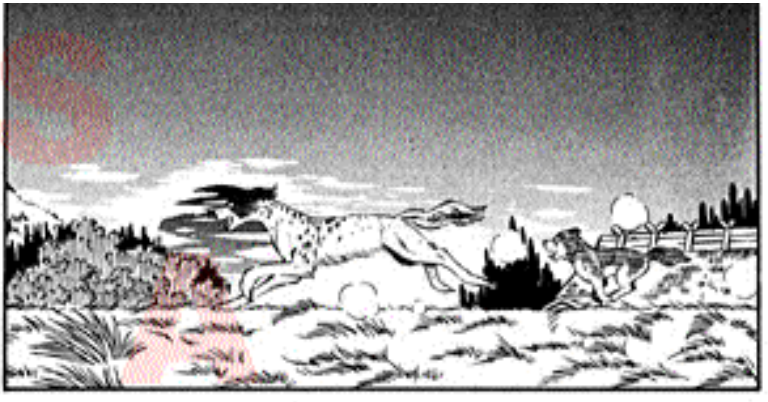

CREEP
CREEP

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. YOU'RE HELPING THIS KID FIND HIS FATHER?
HA, HA.... SO YOU'VE FINALLY MADE A DECISION.

THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY EVEN I WAS BORN...
YOU ALWAYS SAID THAT I SHOULDN'T BE NERO'S RUNNER FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

LOOKING AFTER THIS LITTLE ONE, SOMEHOW, I CAN'T HELP FEELING....
LIKE I HAVE A PURPOSE.... AND I SHOULDN'T ABANDON IT.

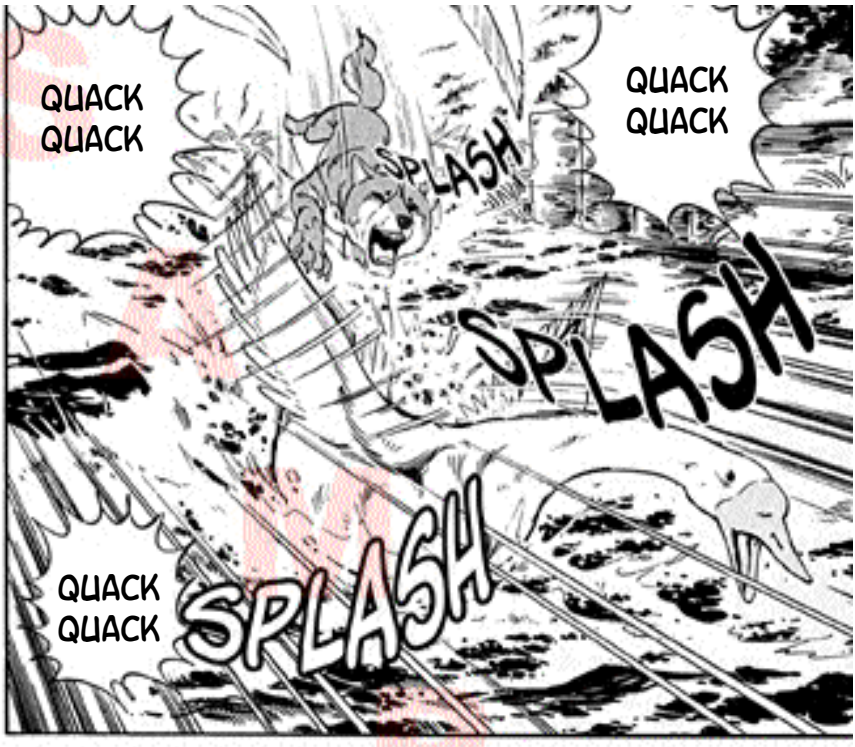

HA HA. GB, THAT'S GREAT.
YOU'RE FINALLY COMING AROUND.
YES. THANK YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO WORRY YOU, BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS COULD BE THE LAST TIME WE SEE EACH OTHER.
WE MAY NEVER SPEAK AGAIN.
DON'T BE SO PESSIMISTIC.
WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, I HAD NOTHING TO FEAR.
I WAS THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE.
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, GB. AND YOU TOO, WEED...
I'LL PRAY FOR YOU BOTH. IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO, IN MY CONDITION.



GYAAA!
GYAA!
GYA!

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

QUACK
QUACK
QUACK


QUACK
QUACK
SPLASH
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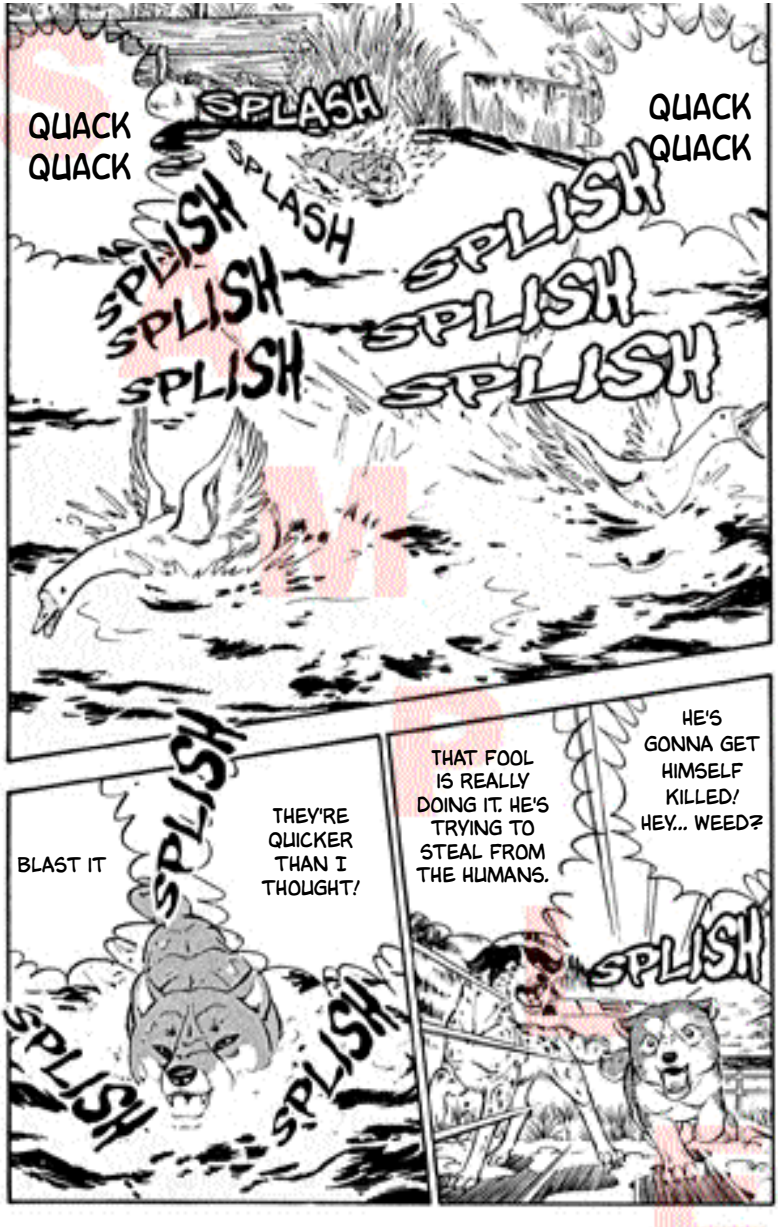
SPLASH

.....
FLAP
SPLASH
FLAP
.....

SASUKE!!


QUACK
QUACK
SPLASH
SPLASH
QUACK
QUACK
SPLISH
SPLISH
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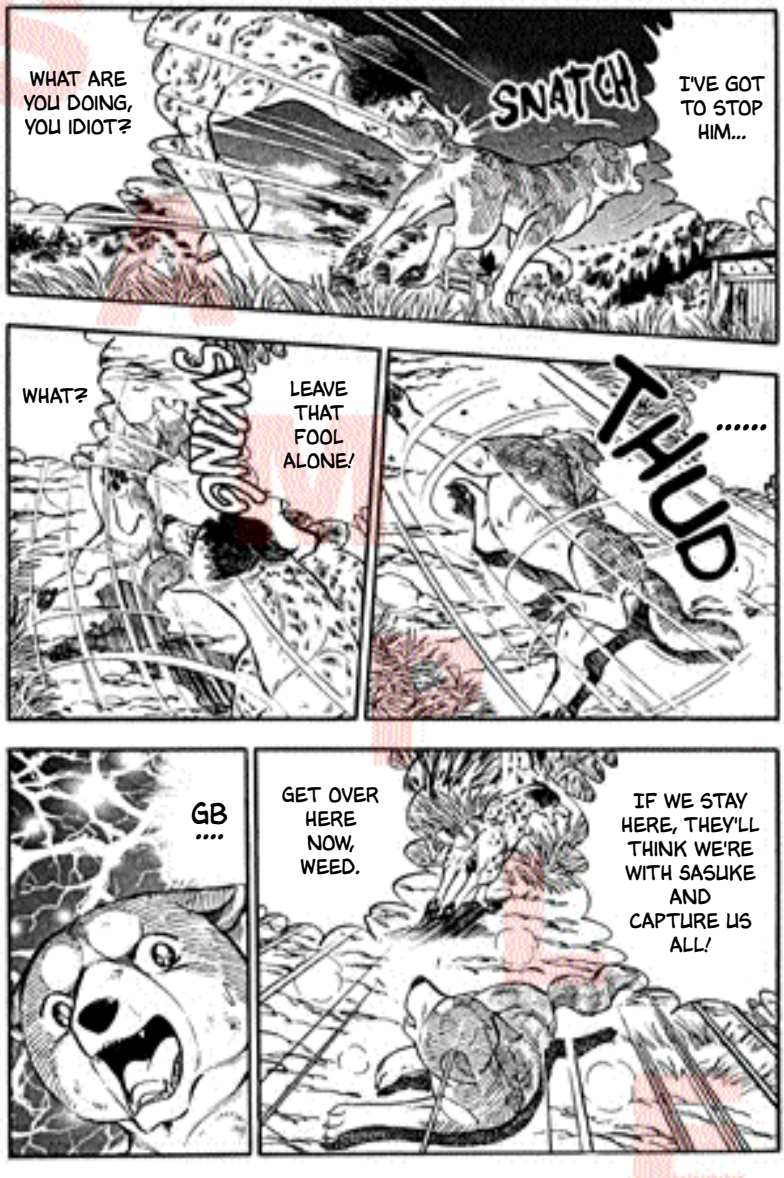
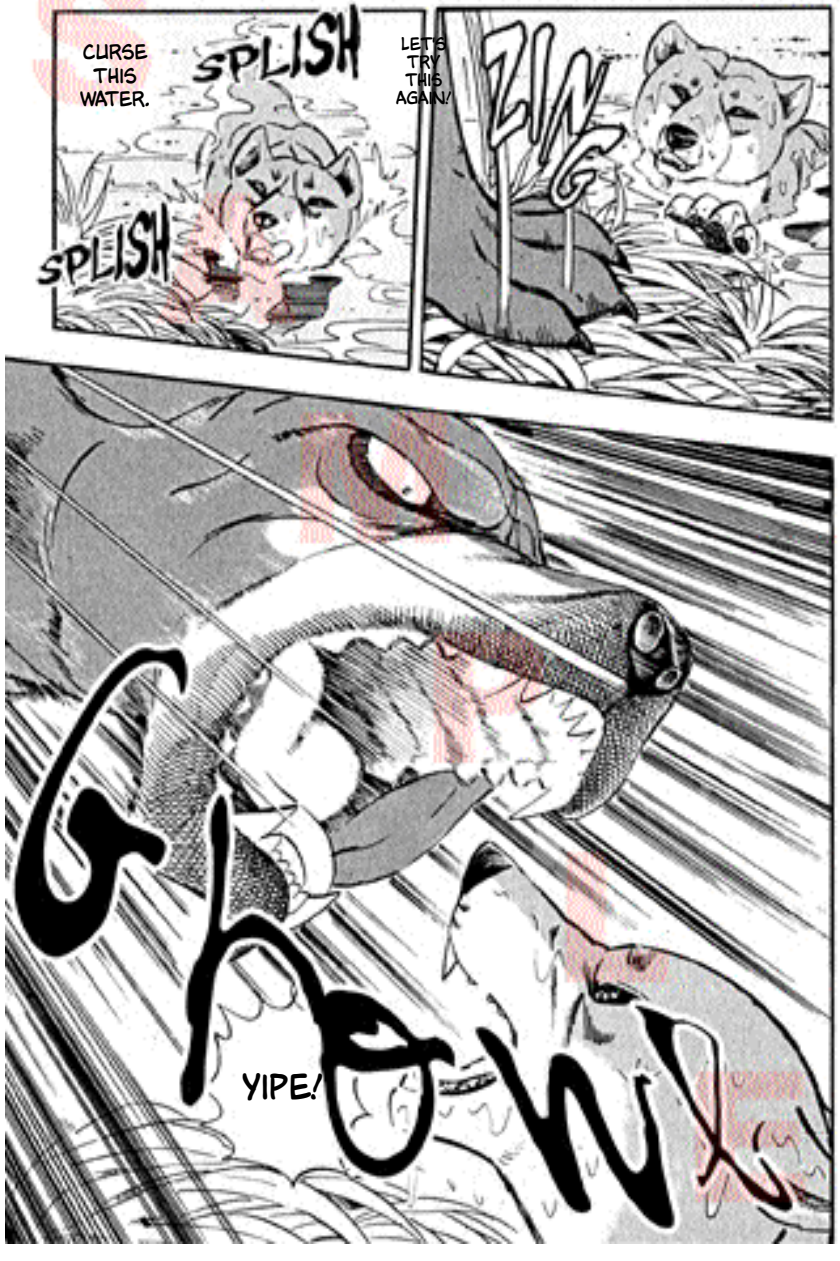
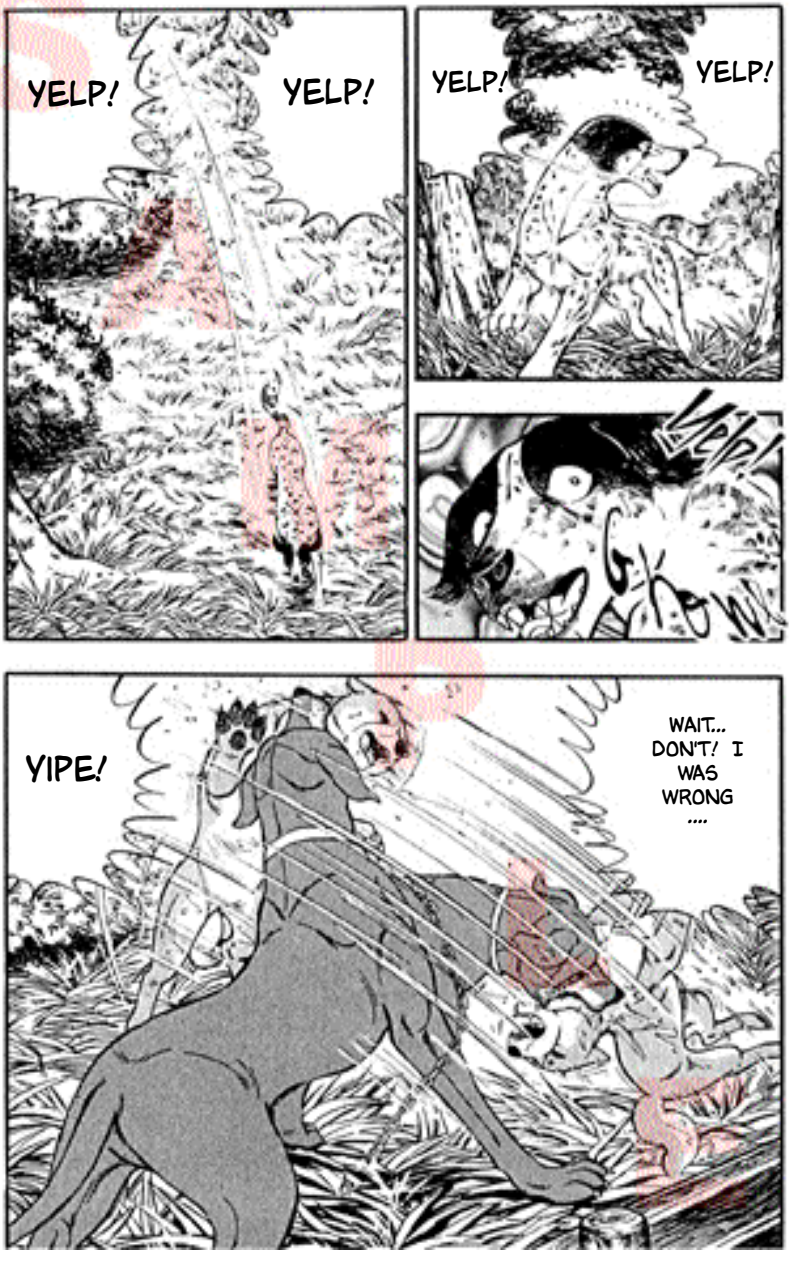
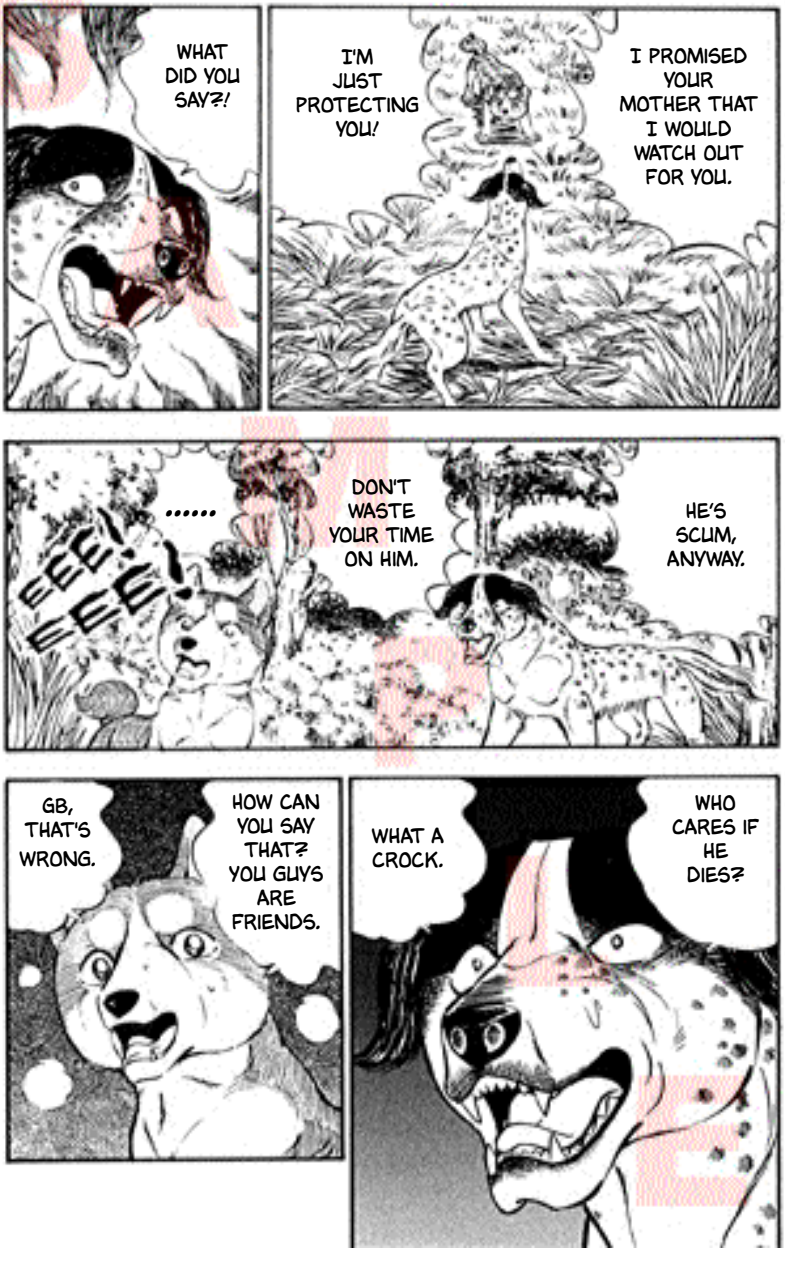
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
BLAST IT
THEY'RE QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT!
THAT FOOL IS REALLY DOING IT. HE'S TRYING TO STEAL FROM THE HUMANS.
HE'S GONNA GET HIMSELF KILLED! HEY... WEED?
SPLISH


WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU IDIOT?
SNATCH
I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM...
WHAT?
SWING
LEAVE THAT FOOL ALONE!
THUD
.....
GB ....
GET OVER HERE NOW, WEED.
IF WE STAY HERE, THEY'LL THINK WE'RE WITH SASUKE AND CAPTURE US ALL!

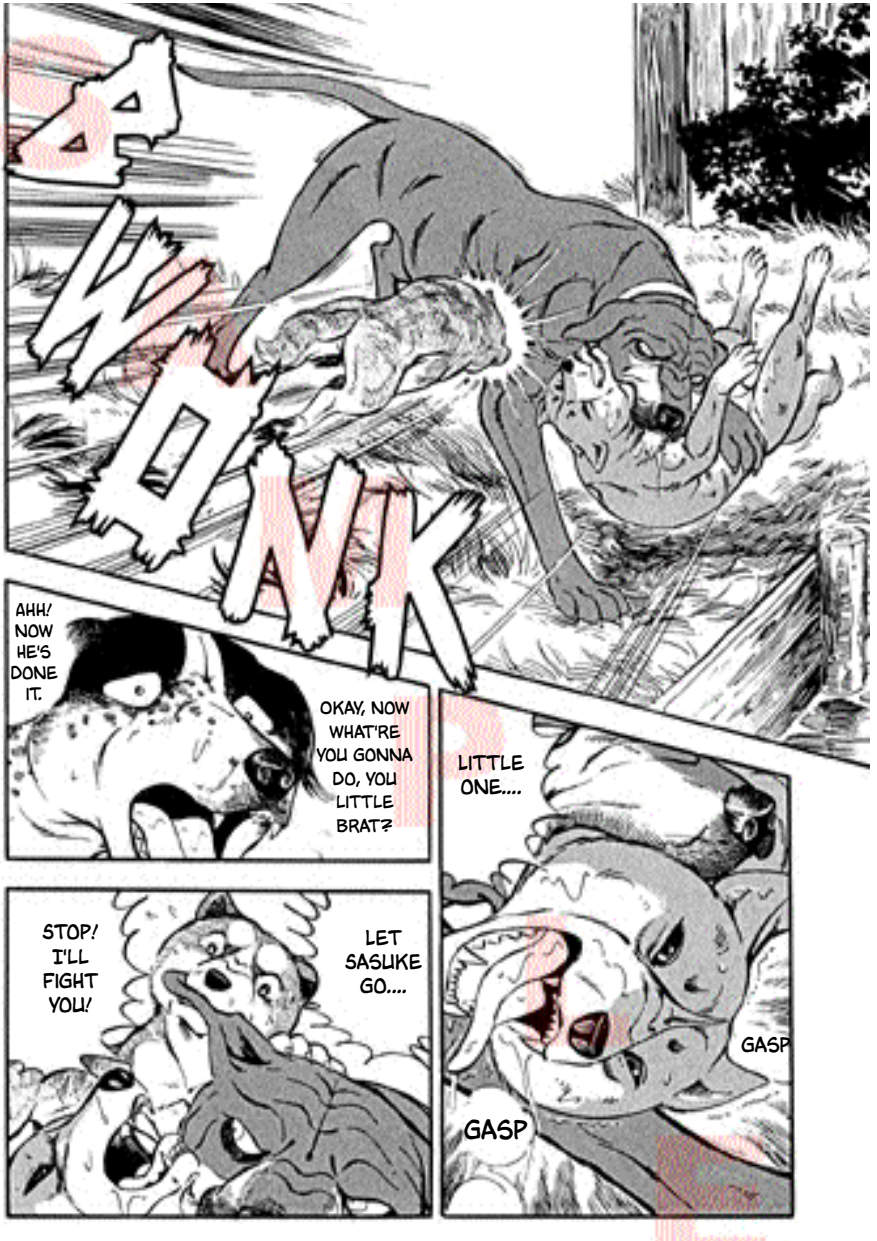

CURSE THIS WATER.
SPLISH
SPLISH
LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN!
ZIP
CHOMP
YIPE!


YELP!
YELP!
YELP!
YELP!
Help!
YIPE!
WAIT... DON'T! I WAS WRONG ....

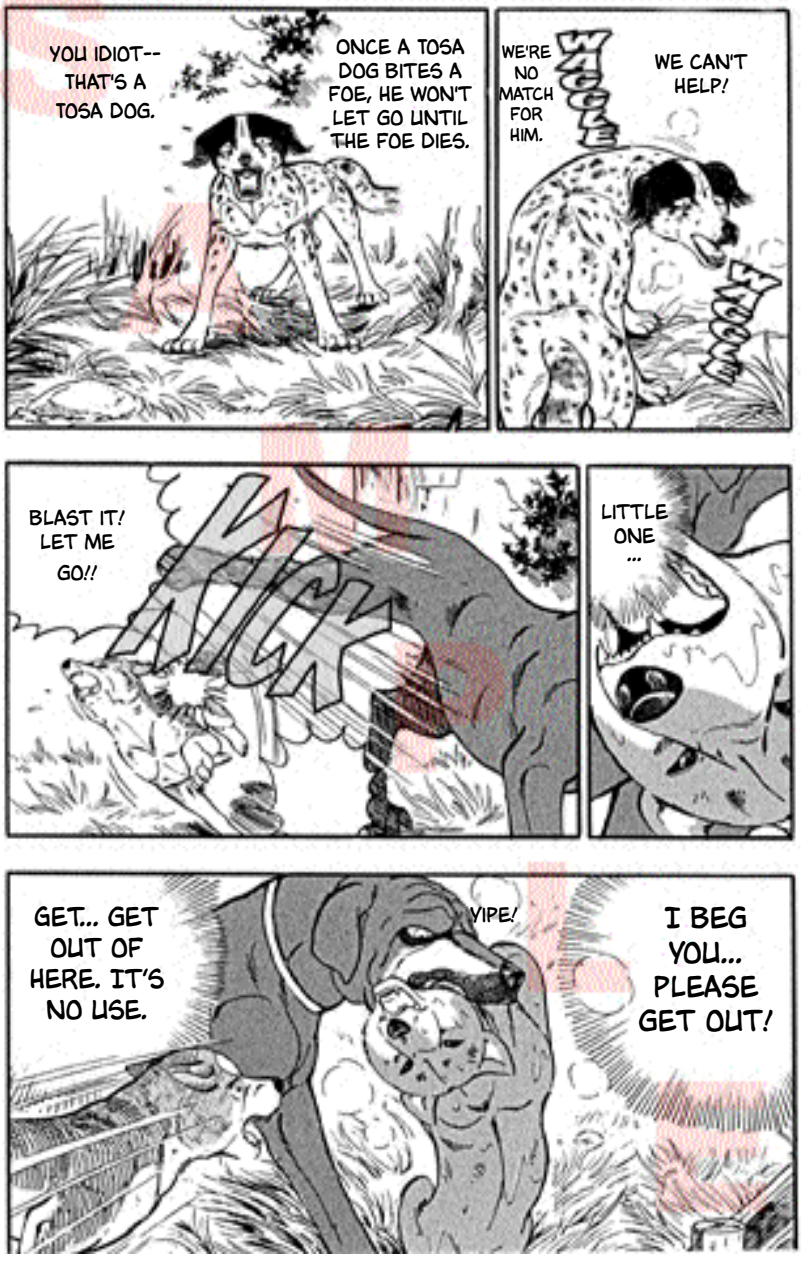
GR.R.R.R.....
GR.R.R.R.....
OH, NO! IT'S A FIGHTING DOG.... I NEVER BELIEVED THEY EXISTED!
GB! WE'VE GOT TO HELP HIM!
SASUKE WILL BE KILLED....
LEAVE HIM. IT'S HIS OWN FAULT.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US!
IT'S NOT RIGHT.
GB--ARE YOU SCARED?

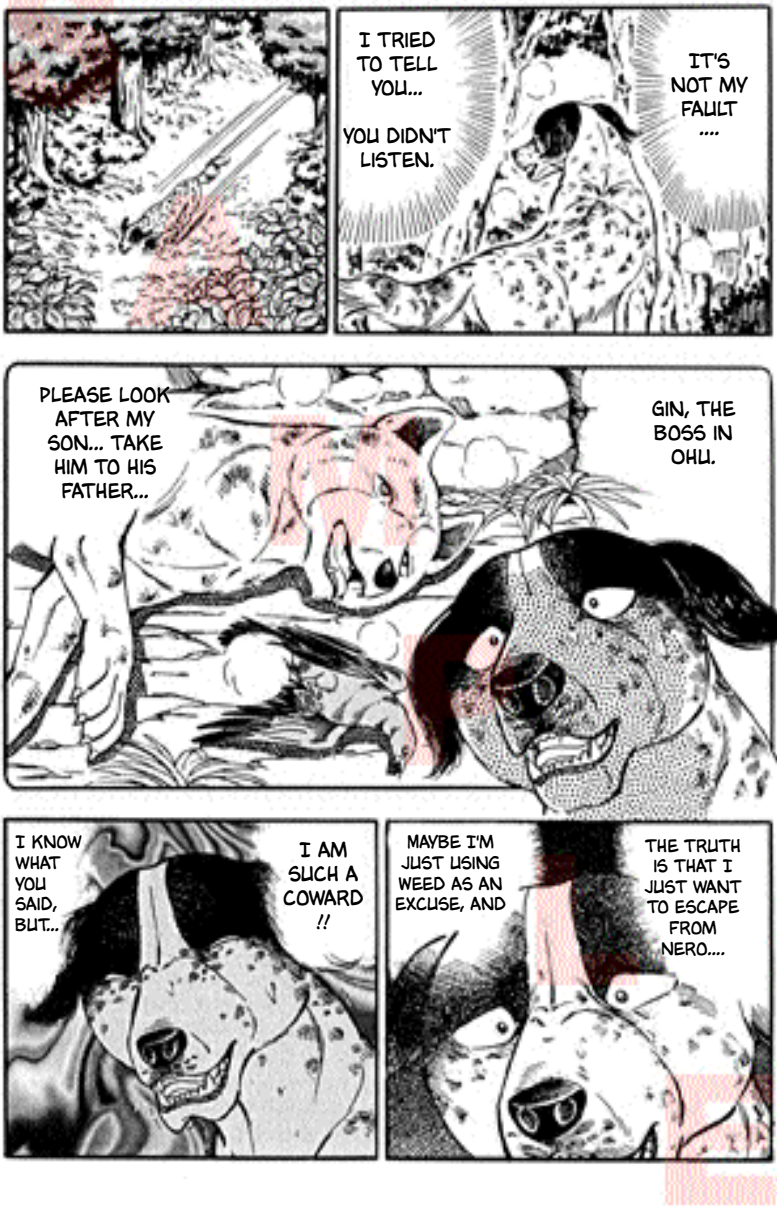

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
I'M JUST PROTECTING YOU!
I PROMISED YOUR MOTHER THAT I WOULD WATCH OUT FOR YOU.
.....
GRRRR!
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON HIM.
HE'S SCUM, ANYWAY.
GB, THAT'S WRONG.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? YOU GUYS ARE FRIENDS.
WHAT A CROCK.
WHO CARES IF HE DIES?

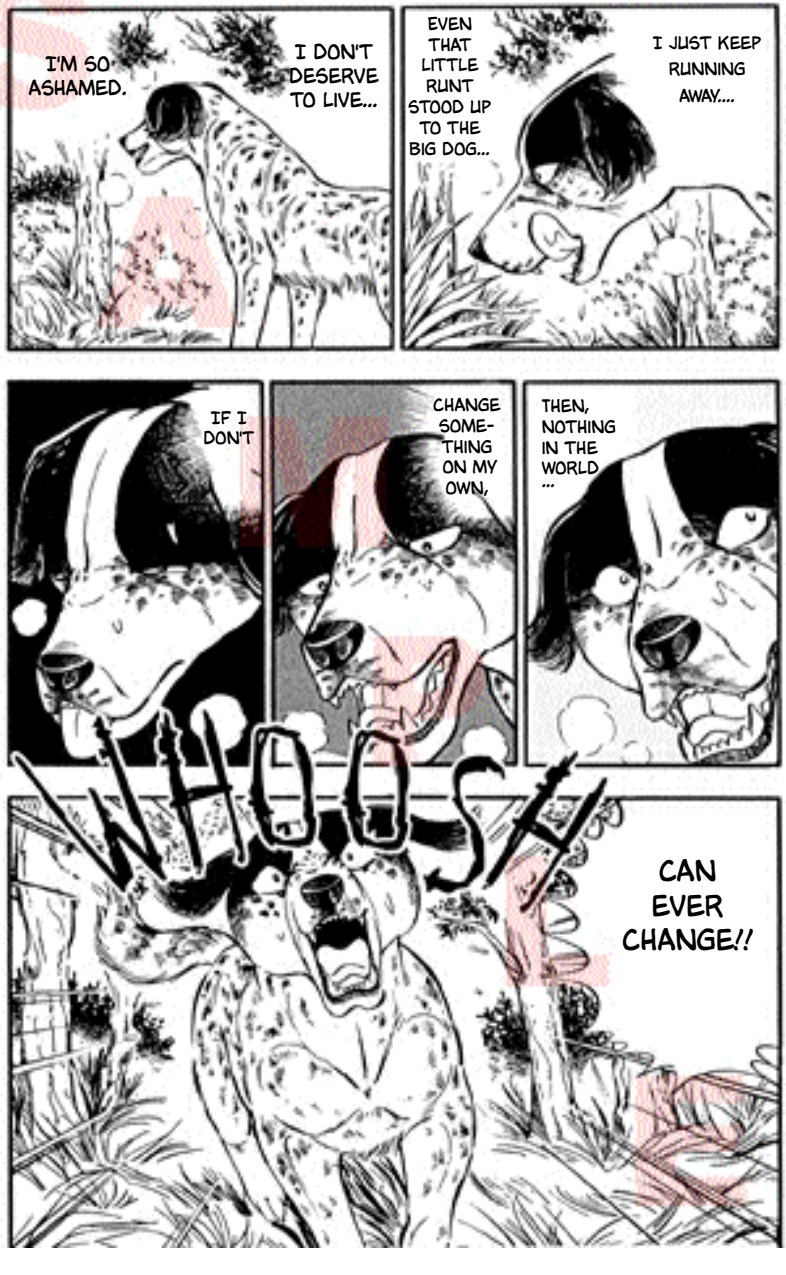
THAT'S IT...
DASH
IF YOU WON'T HELP, THEN I WILL.
STOP! WEED!
GUYS LIKE THAT BELONG IN THE NEXT WORLD!
LEAVE THEM ALONE!
DASH
ARE YOU CRAZY?! I SAID STOP!


A WOAK
AHH! NOW HE'S DONE IT.
OKAY, NOW WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO, YOU LITTLE BRAT?
LITTLE ONE....
GASP
GASP
STOP! I'LL FIGHT YOU!
LET SASUKE GO....

STOP, YOU LITTLE BRAT! THAT TICKLES!
WAIT YOUR TURN. I'LL KILL YOU NEXT....
THANK YOU, LITTLE ONE....
PANT
PANT
NO ONE'S EVER STOOD UP FOR ME LIKE THAT.
GASP
GASP
GASP
YOU'RE THE FIRST.
HANG ON, SASUKE!
CHOMP
CHOMP
DARNIT ...LET HIM... GO...
NOW, NOW, LET'S NOT RUSH IT.
I'M ALMOST DONE WITH HIM.


YOU IDIOT-- THAT'S A TOSA DOG.
ONCE A TOSA DOG BITES A FOE, HE WON'T LET GO UNTIL THE FOE DIES.
WE'RE NO MATCH FOR HIM.
WHOOSE
WE CAN'T HELP!
BLAST IT! LET ME GO!!
KICK
LITTLE ONE ...
GET... GET OUT OF HERE. IT'S NO USE.
YIPE!
I BEG YOU... PLEASE GET OUT!

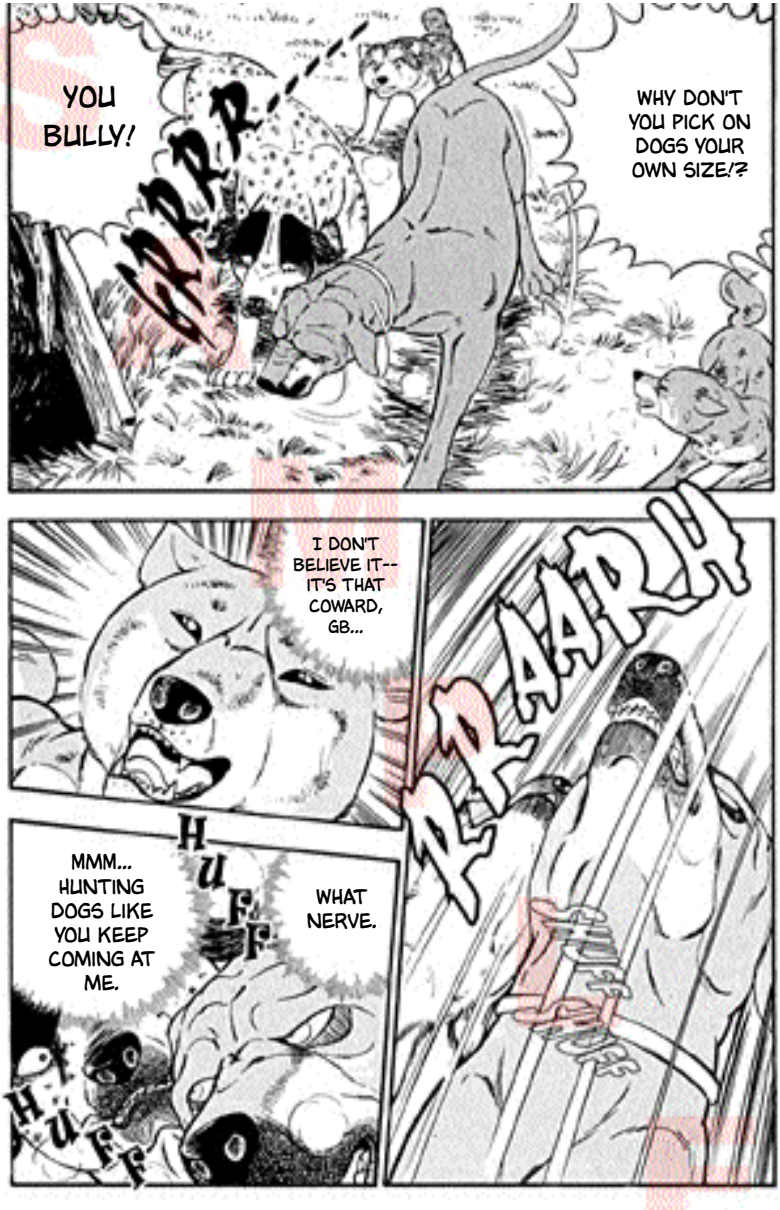

I TRIED TO TELL YOU...
YOU DIDN'T LISTEN.
IT'S NOT MY FAULT ....
PLEASE LOOK AFTER MY SON... TAKE HIM TO HIS FATHER...
GIN, THE BOSS IN OHU.
I KNOW WHAT YOU SAID, BUT...
I AM SUCH A COWARD !!
MAYBE I'M JUST USING WEED AS AN EXCUSE, AND
THE TRUTH IS THAT I JUST WANT TO ESCAPE FROM NERO....


I'M SO ASHAMED.
I DON'T DESERVE TO LIVE...
EVEN THAT LITTLE RUNT STOOD UP TO THE BIG DOG...
I JUST KEEP RUNNING AWAY....
IF I DON'T
CHANGE SOME-THING ON MY OWN,
THEN, NOTHING IN THE WORLD ...
WHOOSH
CAN EVER CHANGE!!

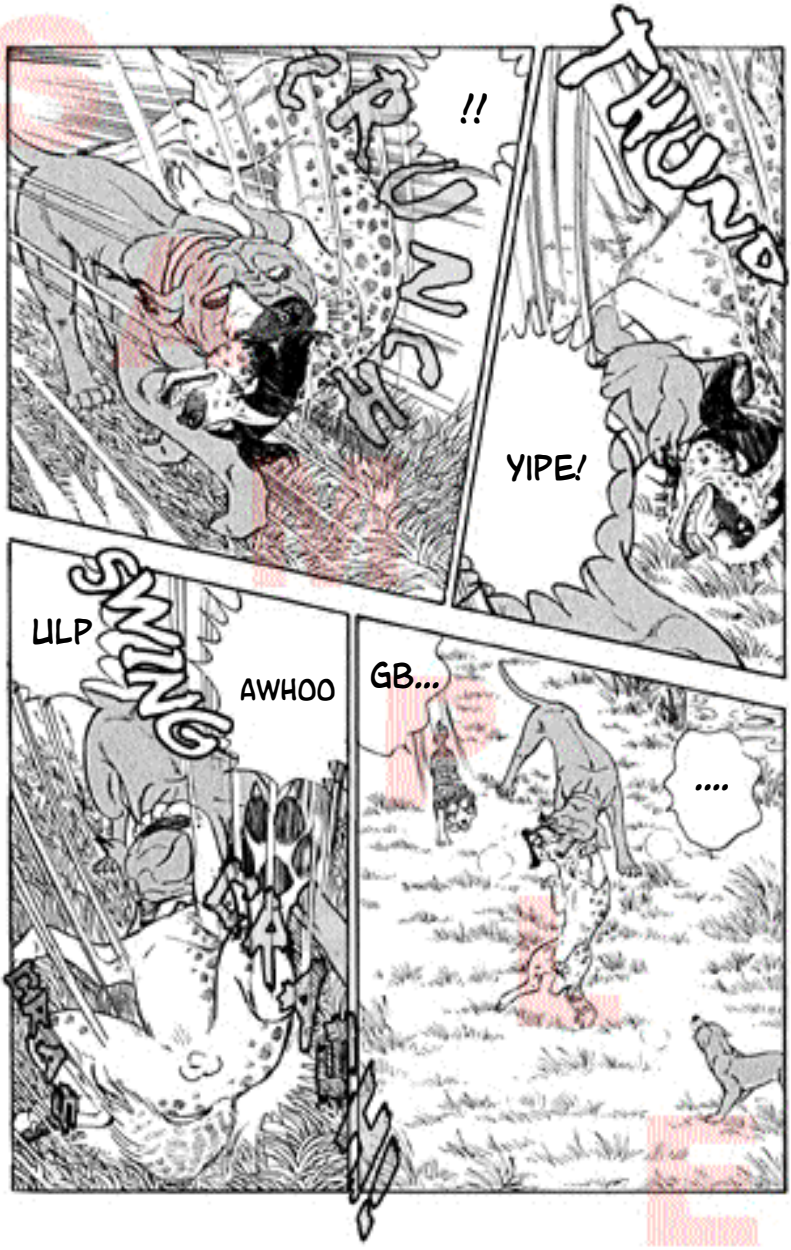
!!
DROP
GB!!
WOW

THE 3RD STORY --
MORTAL COMBAT

GB!!
YEEE!
AGH!
ACK!


YOU BULLY!
GRRR
WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON DOGS YOUR OWN SIZE!?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT-- IT'S THAT COWARD, GB...
AARGH
MMM... HUNTING DOGS LIKE YOU KEEP COMING AT ME.
HUFF
WHAT NERVE.
HUFF

.....
LUNGE
SOOO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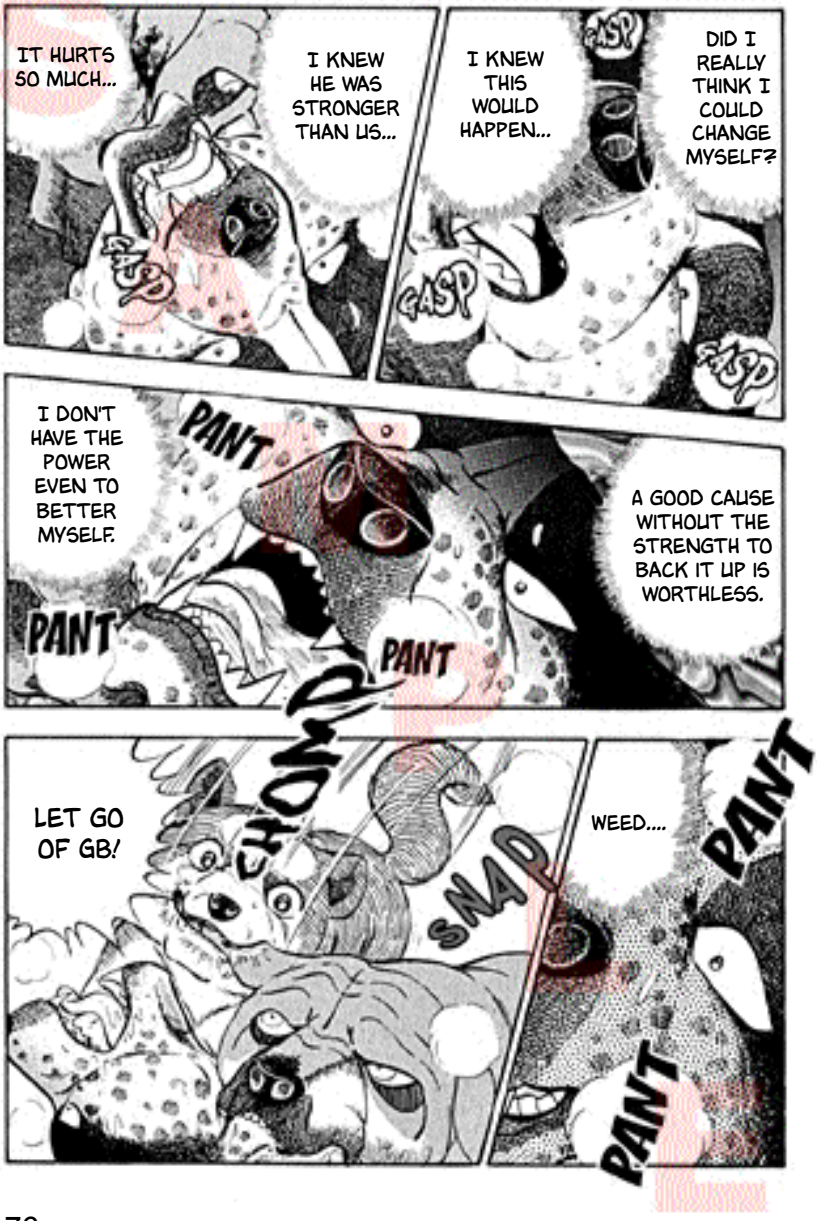
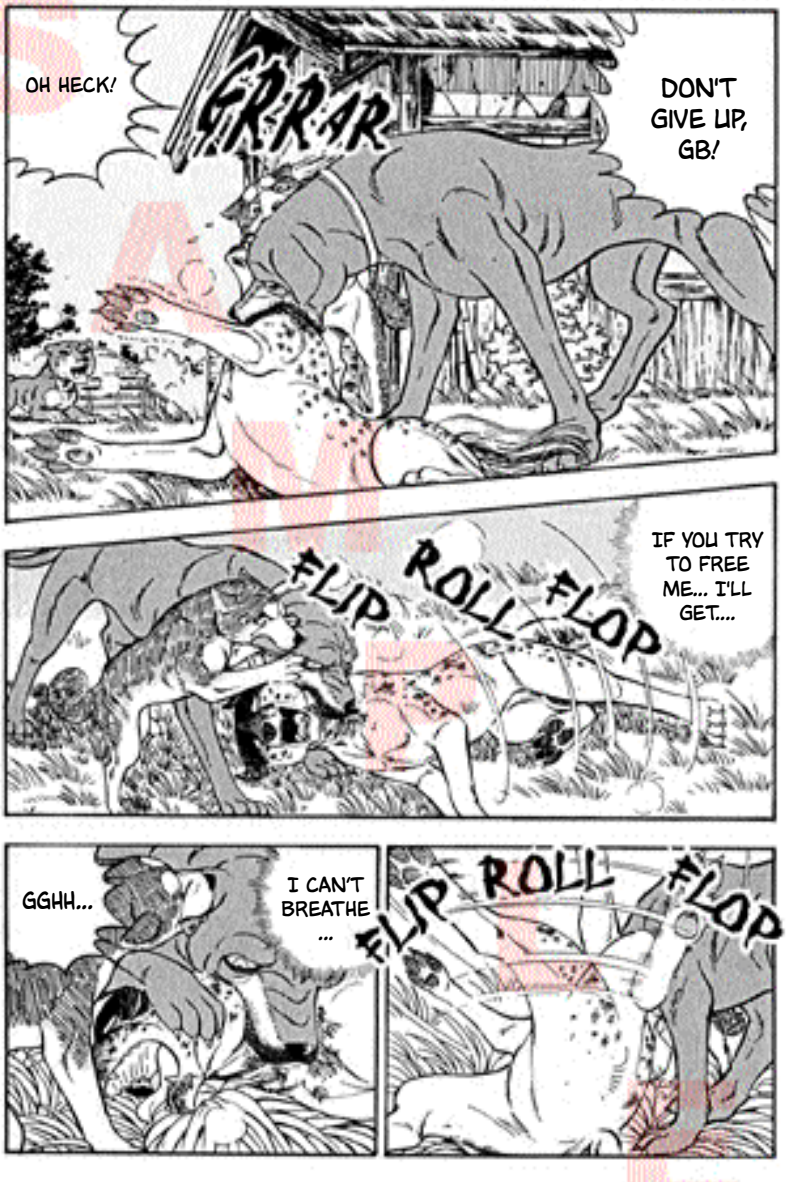
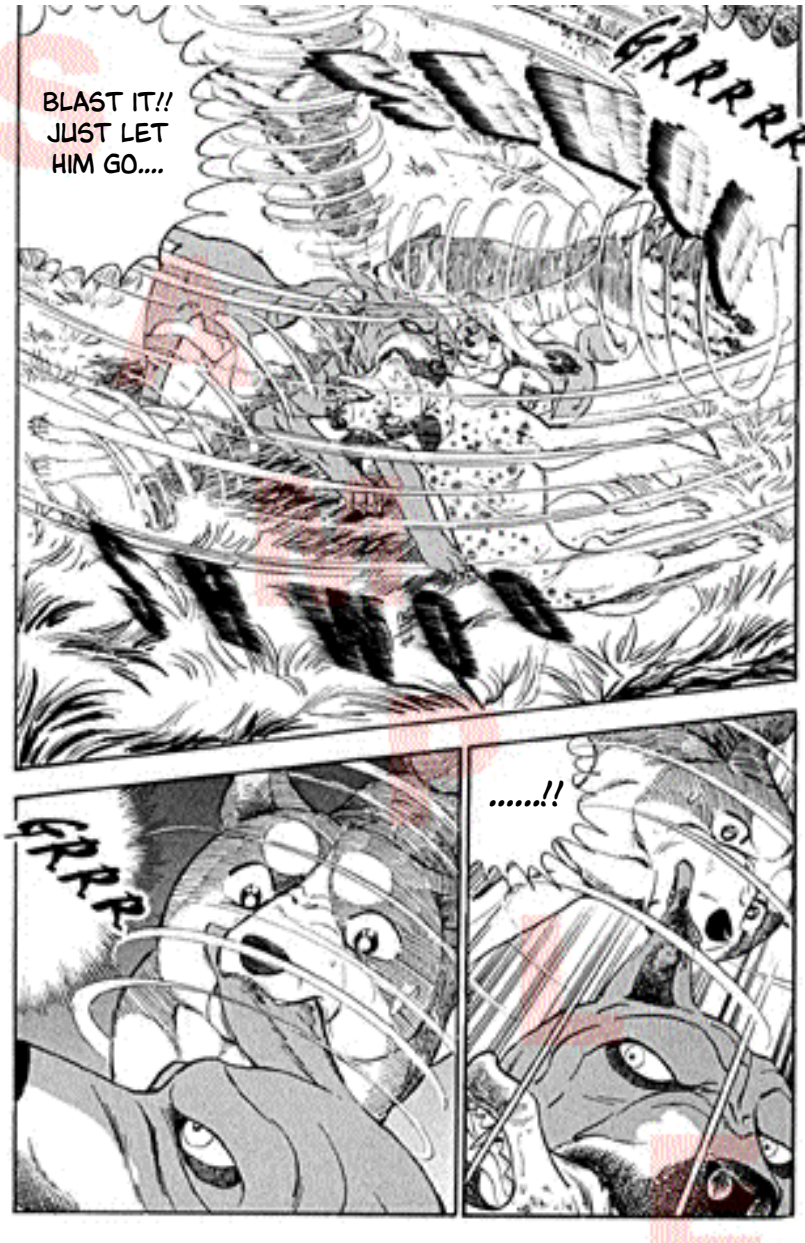
PUNCH
THUNK
YIPE!
ULP
SWING
AWHOO
GB...
....

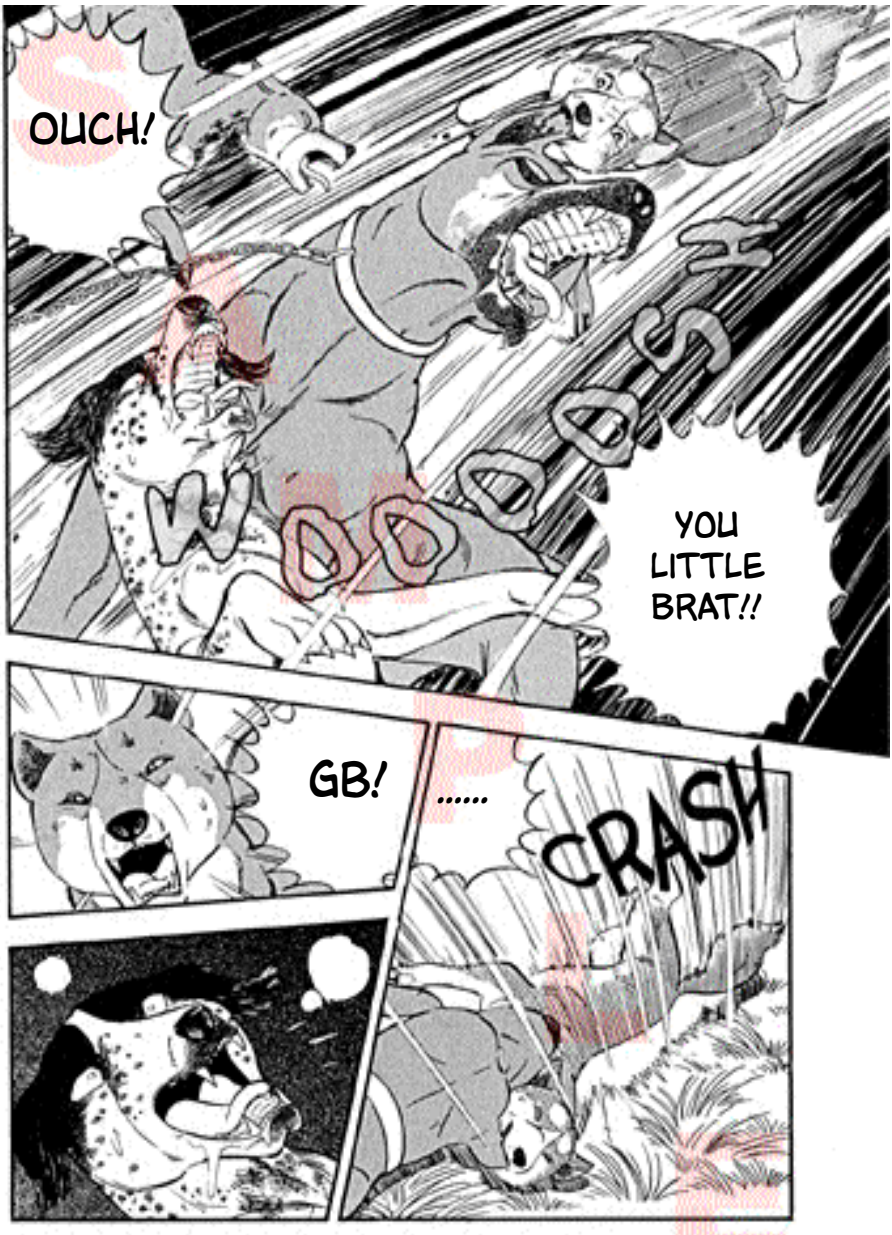

IT HURTS SO MUCH...
I KNEW HE WAS STRONGER THAN US...
GASP
I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN...
GASP
DID I REALLY THINK I COULD CHANGE MYSELF?
GASP
I DON'T HAVE THE POWER EVEN TO BETTER MYSELF.
PANT
PANT
PANT
A GOOD CAUSE WITHOUT THE STRENGTH TO BACK IT UP IS WORTHLESS.
LET GO OF GB!
CHOMP
SNAP
WEED....
PANT
PANT

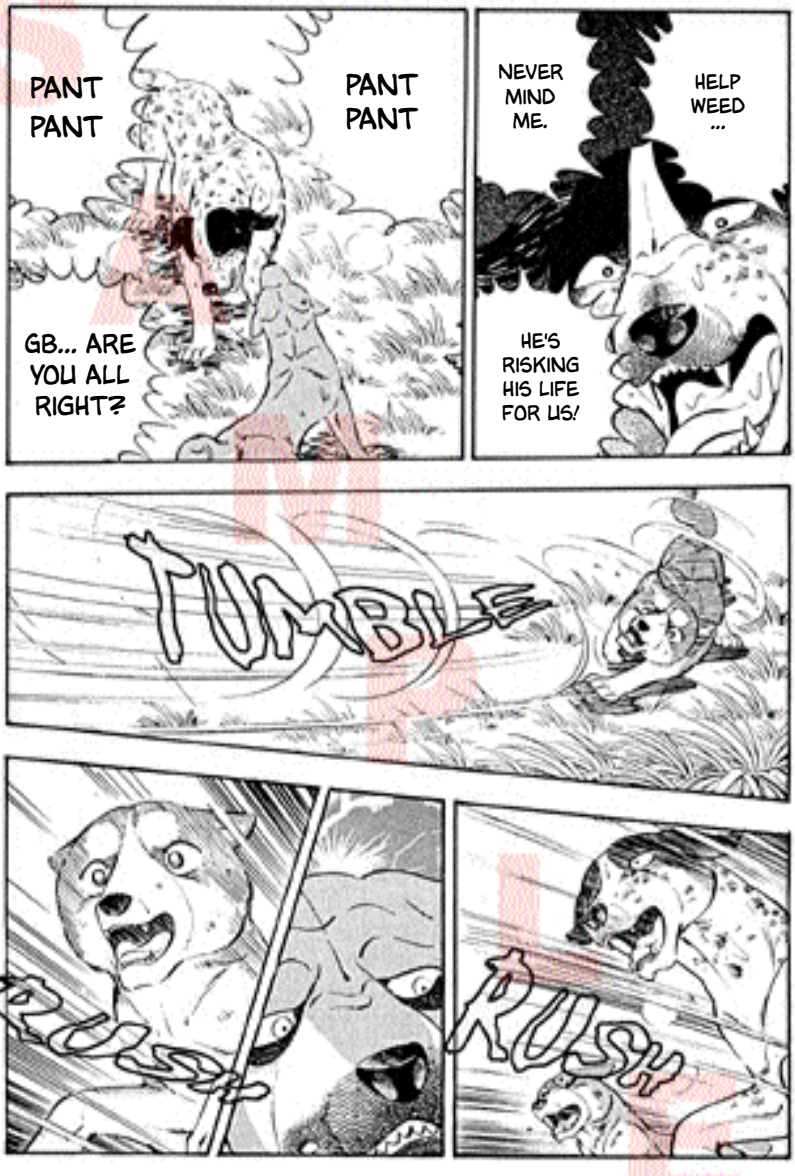

OH HECK!
GRRAR
DON'T GIVE UP, GB!
IF YOU TRY TO FREE ME... I'LL GET....
FLIP ROLL FLOP
GGHH...
I CAN'T BREATHE ...
FLIP ROLL FLOP

CAN'T... BREATHE...
AGH...
I'M DYING...
GB...!!
WEED.... THANK YOU.
I'LL DIE, BUT AT LEAST THIS WAY I'M DYING FOR SOMEONE...
GRRAR
GASP
GASP
GASP
GASP

GRRR
SHOVE
HEH!
LET HIM GO!
GRRR
HEH-HEH, YOU MUST BE KIDDING ME!
ALL OF YOU WAIT! I'VE GOT TO KILL THIS GUY FIRST.


BLAST IT!! JUST LET HIM GO....
GRRRRR
GRRR
.....!!


OUCH!
WOOOOSH
YOU LITTLE BRAT!!
GB!
.....
CRASH

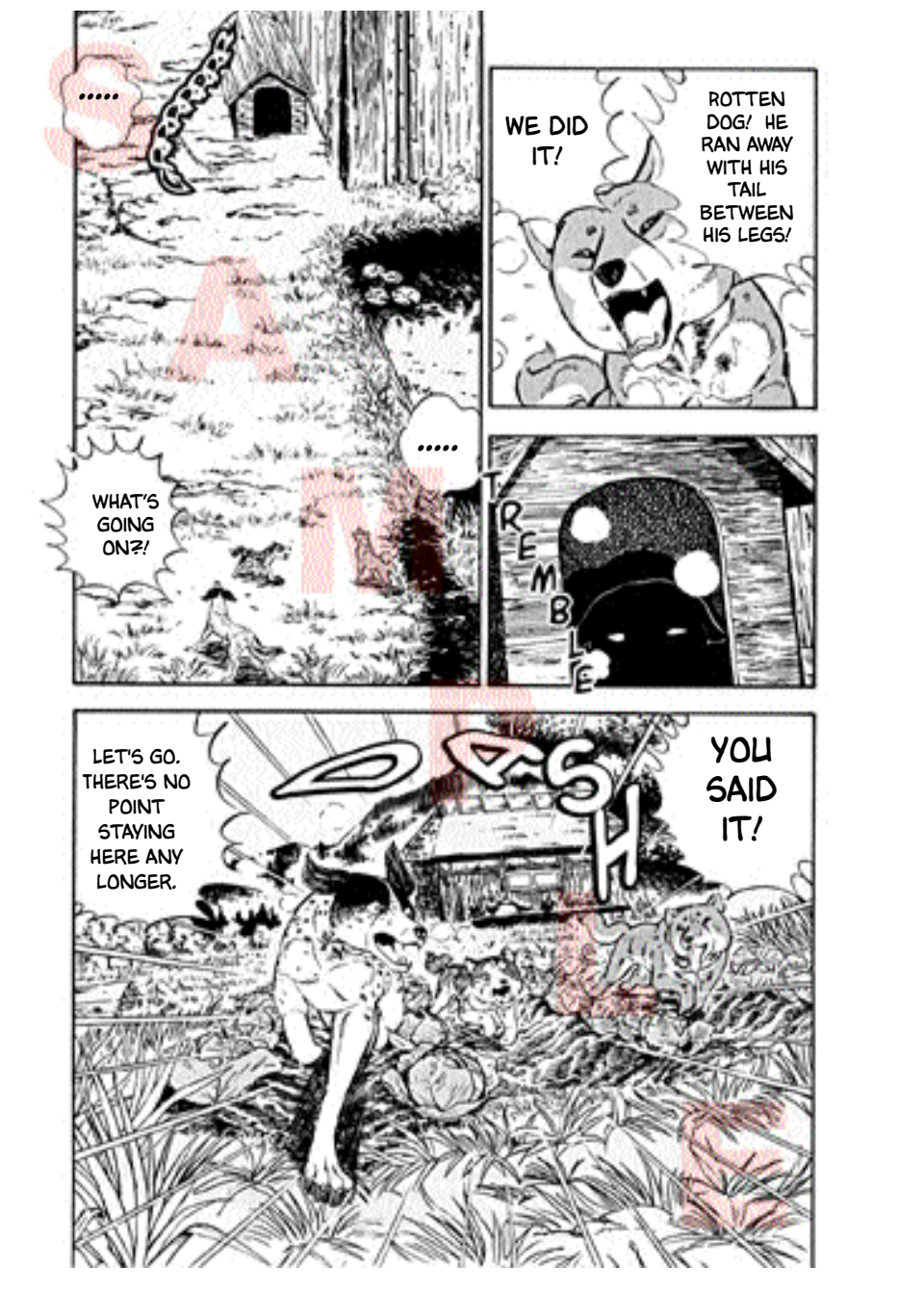

PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
GB... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
NEVER MIND ME.
HELP WEED ...
HE'S RISKING HIS LIFE FOR US!
TUMBLE
RUSH
RUSH

CHOMP
WHAT IS IT WITH YOU GUYS? DO YOU KNOW WHAT A DOG LIKE ME CAN DO?
YOU IDIOTS JUST KEEP COMING BACK FOR MORE!
GRRRRRRR
CHOMP

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH COURAGE AND STUPIDITY!
BUT WHY..?

!!
WHAT IS THAT? WHAT'S OUT THERE?
SOME TERRIBLE MONSTER?

GRRRR
WHOOSH
OH, NO!
FLUMP
!?
.....
.....
DASH
!?
FLUMP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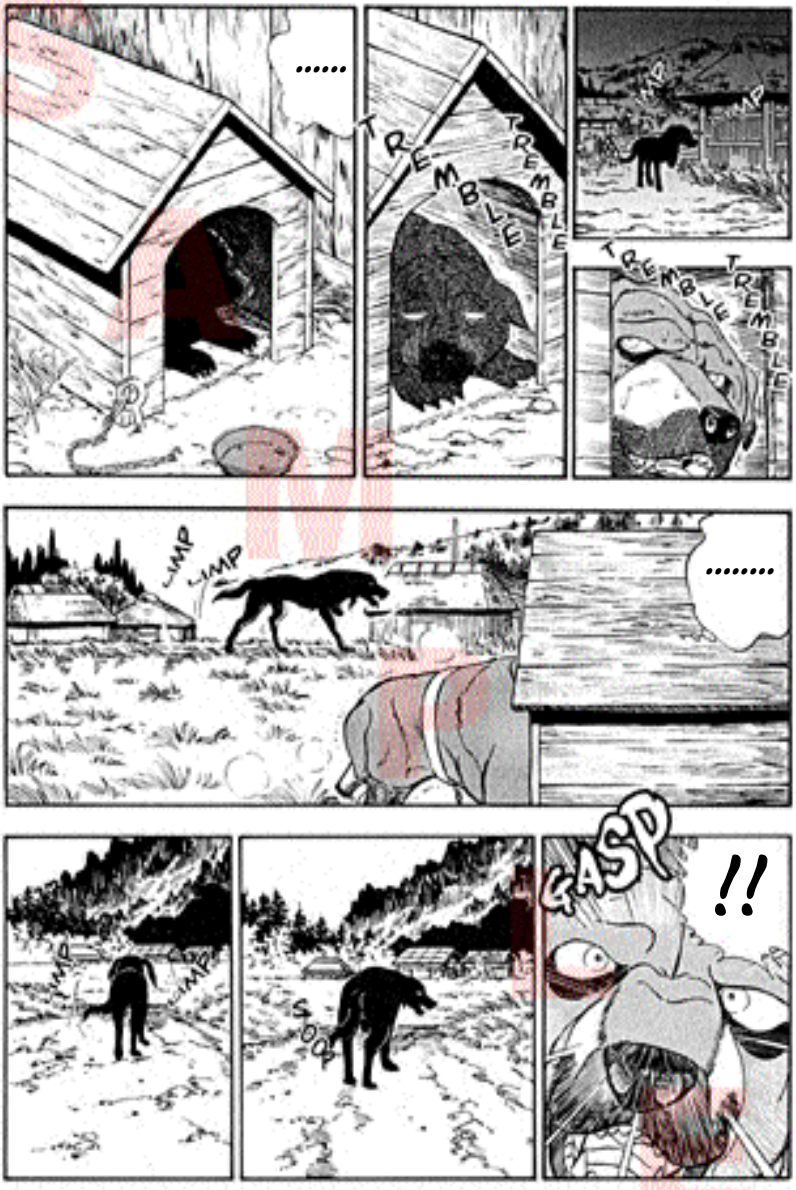
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
.....
TREMBLE
WE DID IT!
ROTTEN DOG! HE RAN AWAY WITH HIS TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS!
LET'S GO. THERE'S NO POINT STAYING HERE ANY LONGER.
DASH
YOU SAID IT!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TREMBLE
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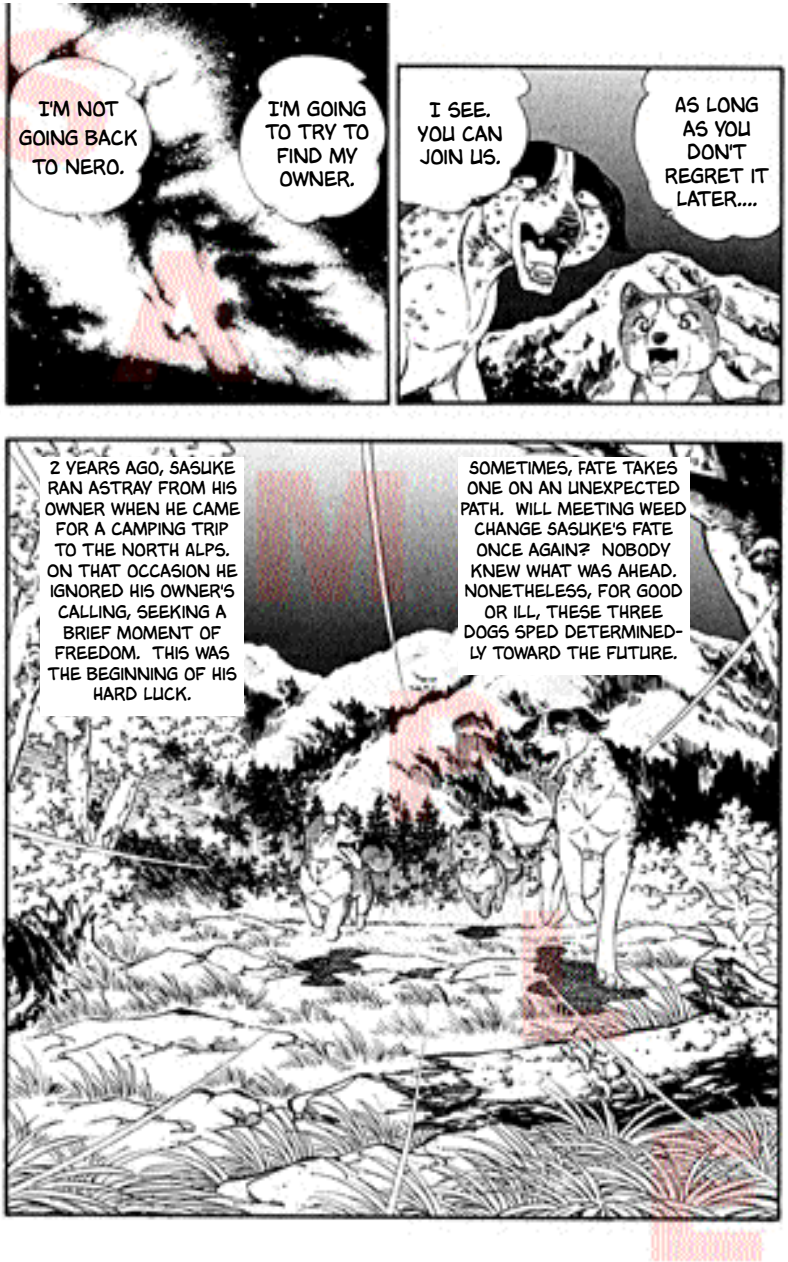
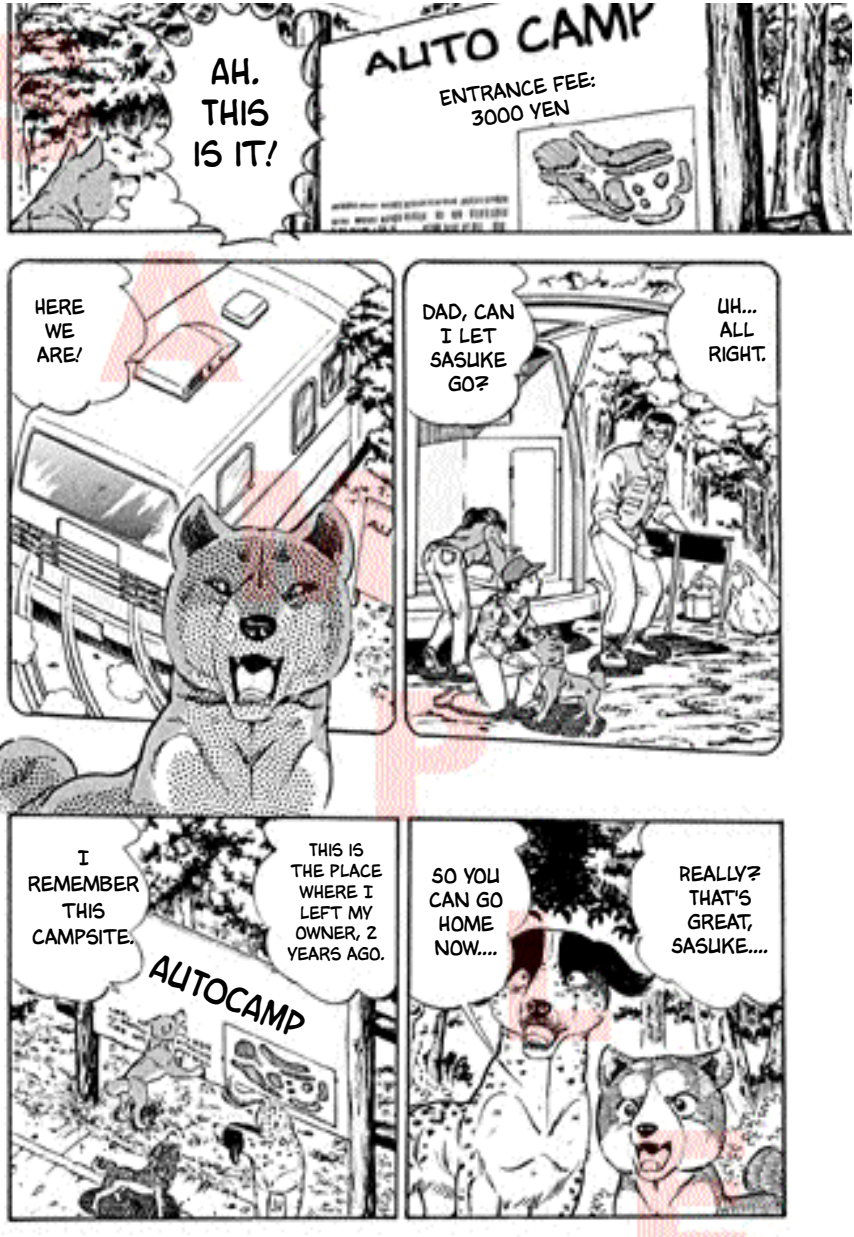
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
JUMP
JUMP
.....
JUMP
JUMP
SOAR
GASP
!!

ARRRH...
AN UNUSUAL AURA....
SMITH, 15 YEARS OLD...
ONE OF THE SOLDIERS OF LEGEND.
13 YEARS AGO, AT FUTAGO PASS, THEY FOLLOWED THE BOSS GIN AND SLEW THE GIANT BEAR "RED HELMET."
GRIN
SMITH WAS AN ELITE MEMBER OF A SPECIAL SQUAD KNOWN AS THE SUICIDE CORPS.
THE LITTLE ONE LOOKS SO MUCH LIKE MY OLD SWORN FRIEND, I GOT WORRIED AND FOLLOWED HIM OVER HERE....
HE'S EVEN GOT HIS SPIRIT. HEH, HEH...


I'M NOT GOING BACK TO NERO.
I'M GOING TO TRY TO FIND MY OWNER.
I SEE. YOU CAN JOIN US.
AS LONG AS YOU DON'T REGRET IT LATER....
2 YEARS AGO, SASUKE RAN ASTRAY FROM HIS OWNER WHEN HE CAME FOR A CAMPING TRIP TO THE NORTH ALPS. ON THAT OCCASION HE IGNORED HIS OWNER'S CALLING, SEEKING A BRIEF MOMENT OF FREEDOM. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF HIS HARD LUCK.
SOMETIMES, FATE TAKES ONE ON AN UNEXPECTED PATH. WILL MEETING WEED CHANGE SASUKE'S FATE ONCE AGAIN? NOBODY KNEW WHAT WAS AHEAD. NONETHELESS, FOR GOOD OR ILL, THESE THREE DOGS SPED DETERMINED-LY TOWARD THE FUTURE.


AH. THIS IS IT!
AUTO CAMP
ENTRANCE FEE: 3000 YEN
HERE WE ARE!
DAD, CAN I LET SASUKE GO?
UH... ALL RIGHT.
I REMEMBER THIS CAMPSITE.
THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE I LEFT MY OWNER, 2 YEARS AGO.
AUTOCAMP
SO YOU CAN GO HOME NOW....
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT, SASUKE....

NO.....WE DROVE UP TO THIS POINT...
AND I HAVE NO CLUE WHERE MY OLD HOME IS.
YOU CAME HERE EVERY SUMMER AND WINTER?
UH HUH
CAMPING SEASON STARTS PRETTY SOON...
THAT'S RIGHT! IT WOULD BE WISE TO WAIT HERE.
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO? YOU SAVED ME.
I CAN'T JUST THINK ABOUT MYSELF ....
WE ALL HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HAPPY.
YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO BE HAPPY AGAIN. DON'T LET IT SLIP AWAY.
WEED, GB....
SASUKE, TAKE CARE.
DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL BE OK. GOOD LUCK!
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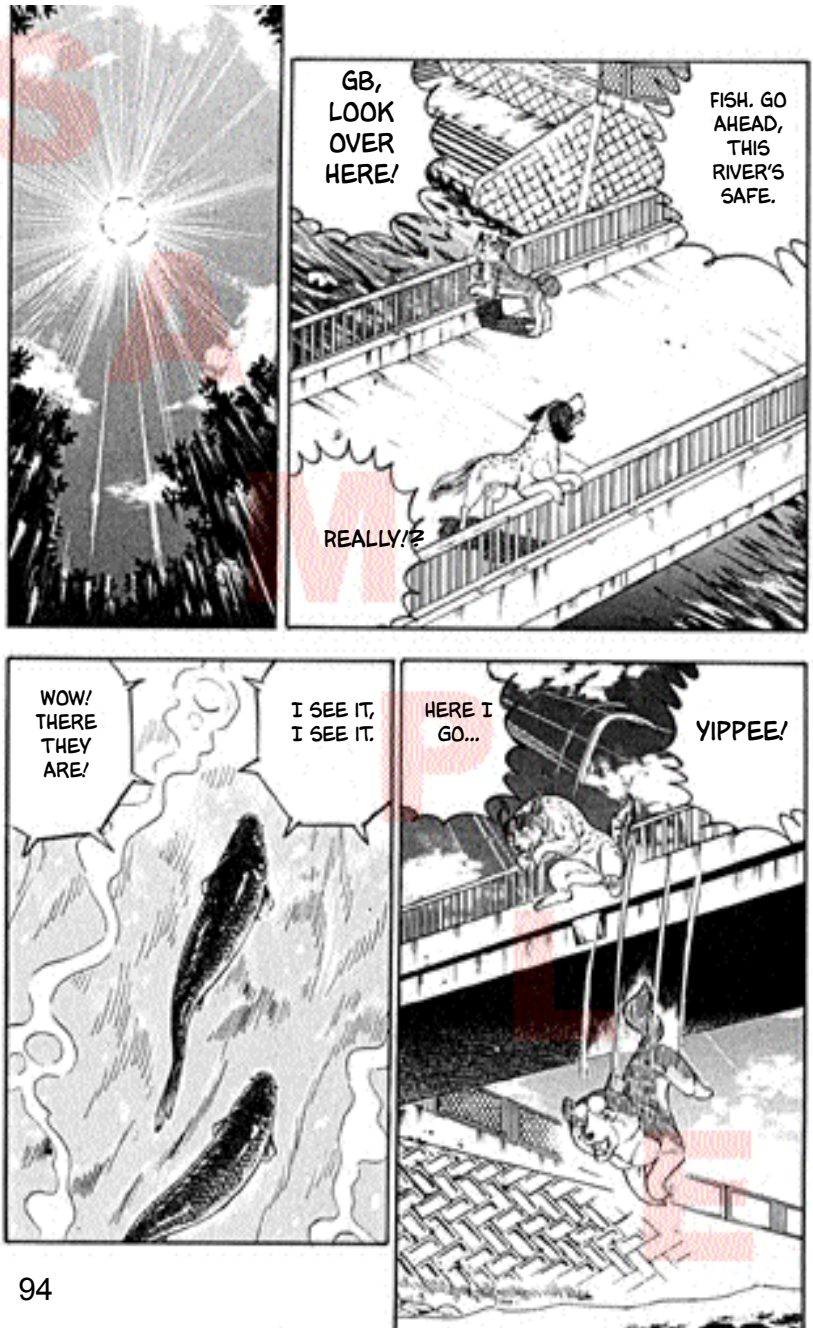
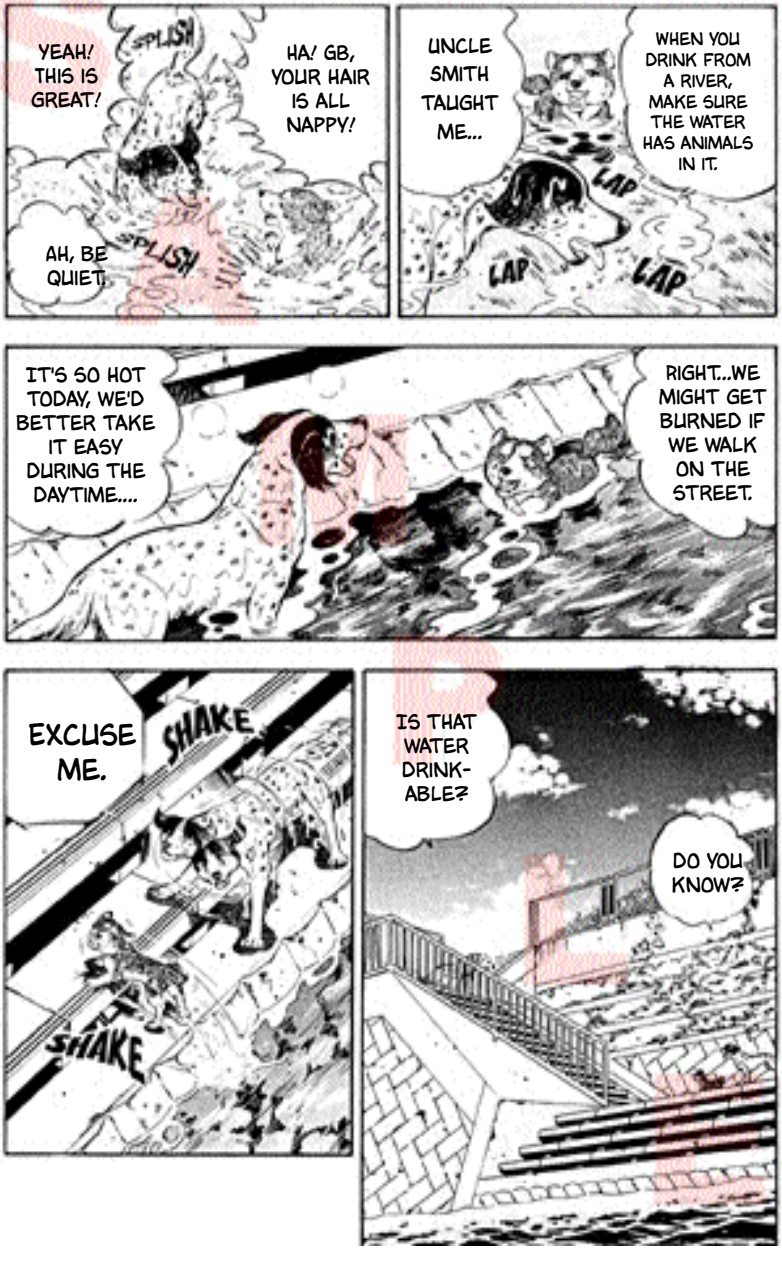
Auto Camp
Entrance Fee 3000 yen
THANK YOU. GOOD LUCK TO BOTH OF YOU!
THE 4TH STORY --
CONFRONTATION


GB, LOOK OVER HERE!
FISH. GO AHEAD, THIS RIVER'S SAFE.
REALLY!?
WOW! THERE THEY ARE!
I SEE IT, I SEE IT.
HERE I GO...
YIPPEE!


YEAH! THIS IS GREAT!
SPLISH
HA! GB, YOUR HAIR IS ALL NAPPY!
AH, BE QUIET.
SPLISH
UNCLE SMITH TAUGHT ME...
WHEN YOU DRINK FROM A RIVER, MAKE SURE THE WATER HAS ANIMALS IN IT.
LAP
LAP
LAP
IT'S SO HOT TODAY, WE'D BETTER TAKE IT EASY DURING THE DAYTIME....
RIGHT...WE MIGHT GET BURNED IF WE WALK ON THE STREET.
EXCUSE ME.
SHAKE
SHAKE
IS THAT WATER DRINK-ABLE?
DO YOU KNOW?

PANT
DO YOU MIND IF I DRINK?
PANT
PANT
PANT
NO, GO RIGHT AHEAD.
WATER DOESN'T BELONG TO ANYONE!
PANT
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PANT
PANT
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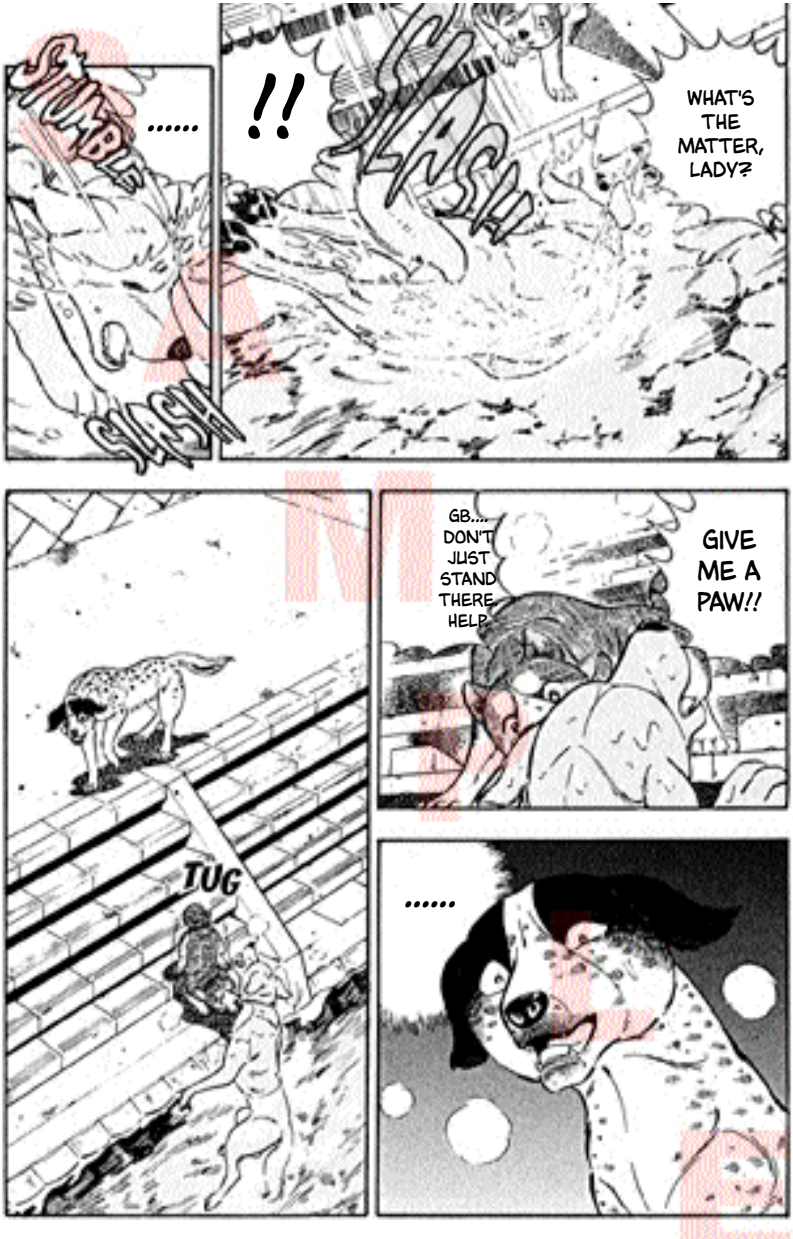
PANT
PANT


STUMBLE
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FLASH
WHAT'S THE MATTER, LADY?
GB.... DON'T JUST STAND THERE HELP
GIVE ME A PAW!!
TUG
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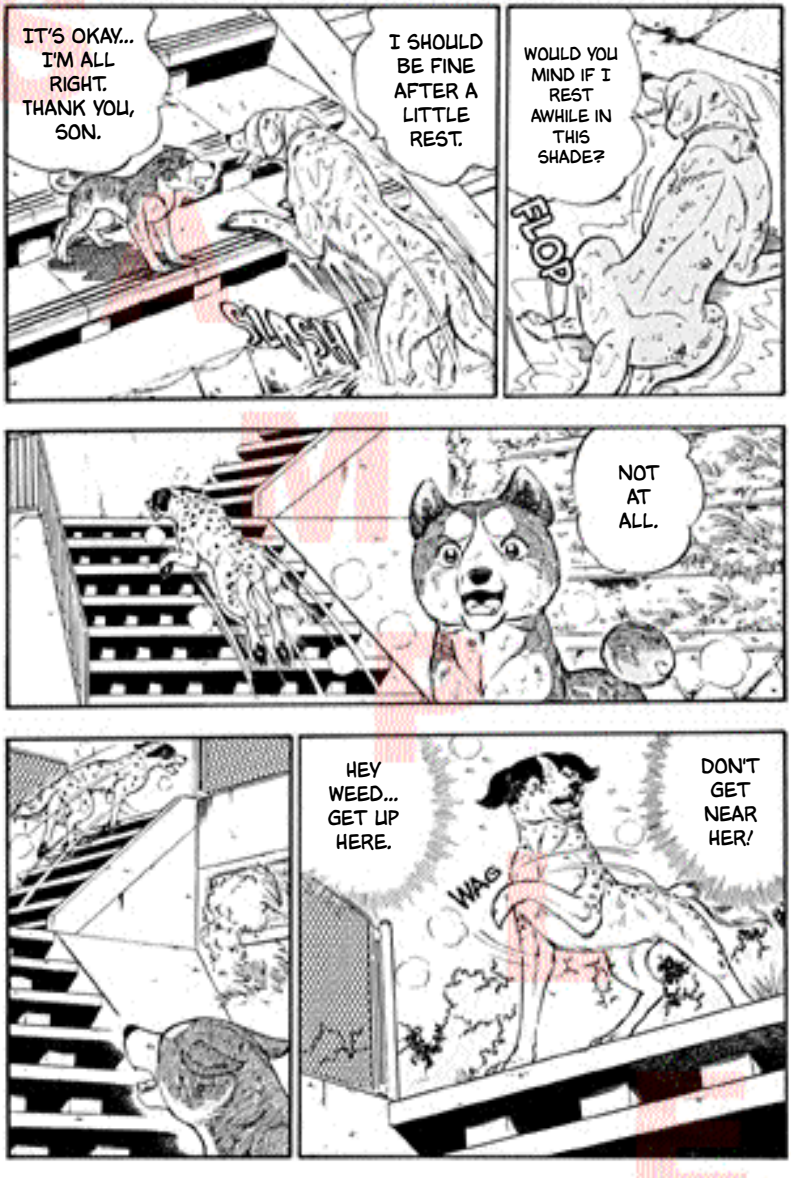
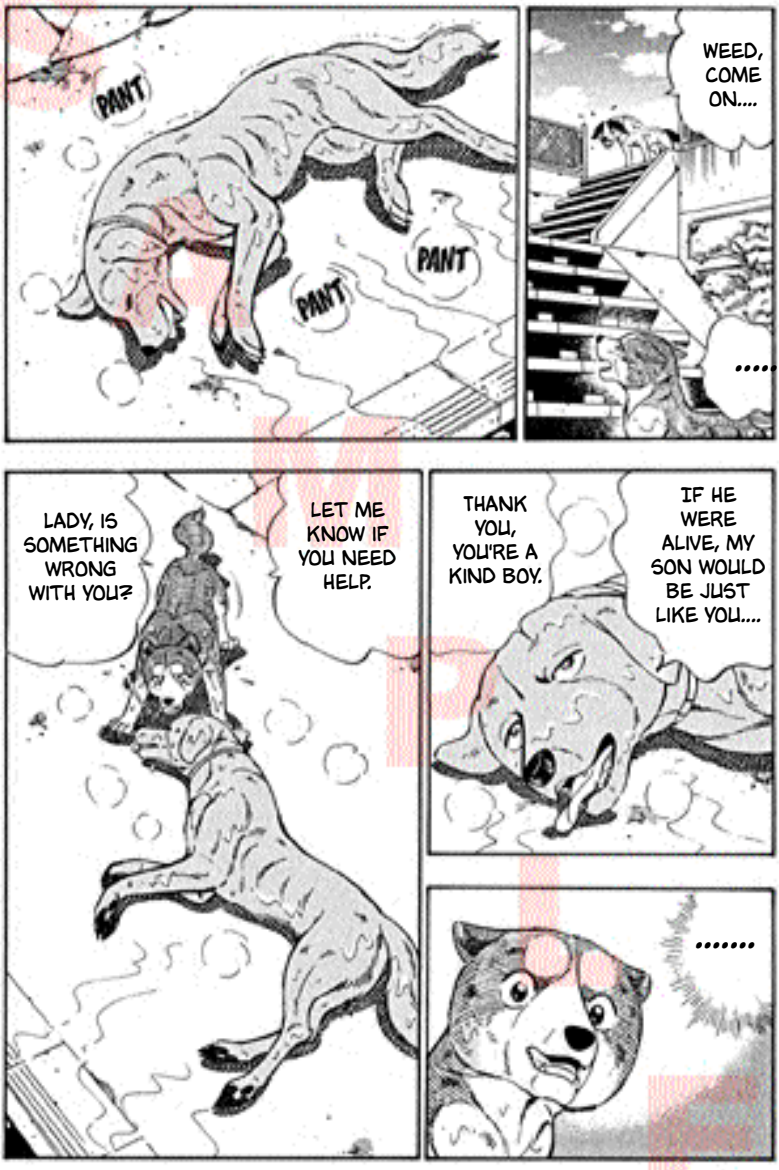

IT'S OKAY... I'M ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SON.
I SHOULD BE FINE AFTER A LITTLE REST.
WOULD YOU MIND IF I REST AWHILE IN THIS SHADE?
FLOP
NOT AT ALL.
HEY WEED... GET UP HERE.
WAG
DON'T GET NEAR HER!


PANT
PANT
PANT
WEED, COME ON....
.....
LADY, IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU?
LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP.
THANK YOU, YOU'RE A KIND BOY.
IF HE WERE ALIVE, MY SON WOULD BE JUST LIKE YOU....
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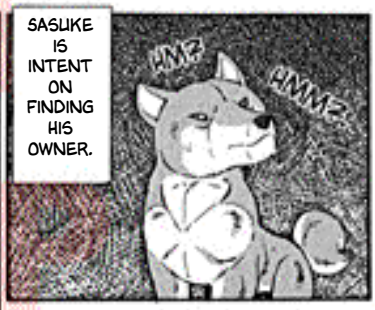
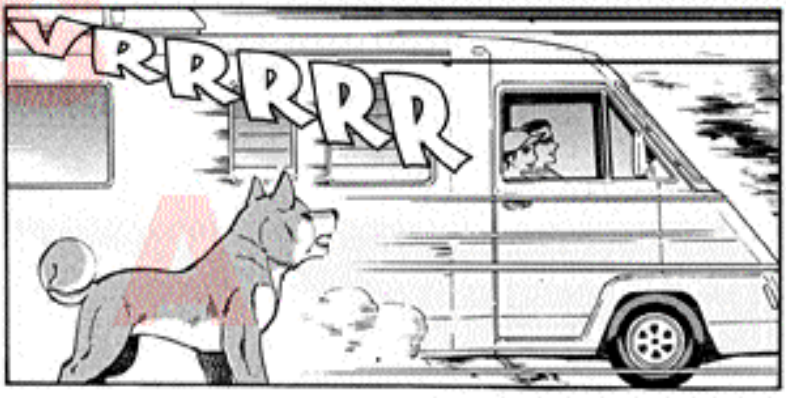

SASUKE IS INTENT ON FINDING HIS OWNER.
HMM?
HMM?

LOOK, WHAT A CUTE DOG.

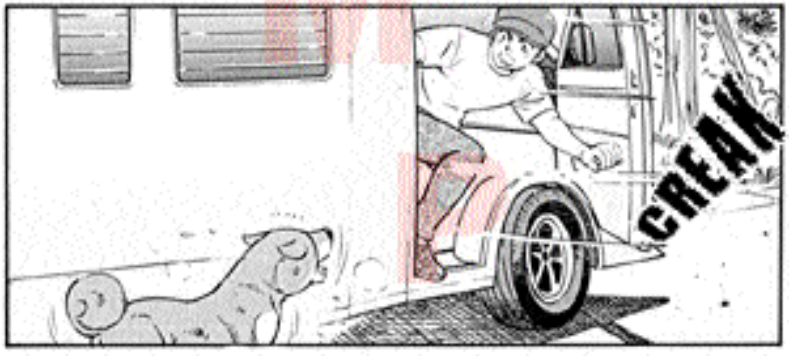
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE COMING.
IT'S BEEN 2 YEARS....
I MUST BE KIDDING MYSELF.
WHAT AM I HANGING AROUND FOR?
I DON'T DESERVE ANY HAPPINESS....
VRRRRR
?!
RRROOM
.....
VOOOM
HOLY COW! COULD THAT BE!?


VRRRRR

MASTER! IT'S NO MISTAKE. HIS WIFE IS WITH HIM TOO.
AH, HIROSHI REALLY HAS GROWN.
EVERYONE'S LAUGHING... JUST LIKE 2 YEARS AGO.
STILL A BRIGHT, CHEERFUL FAMILY.

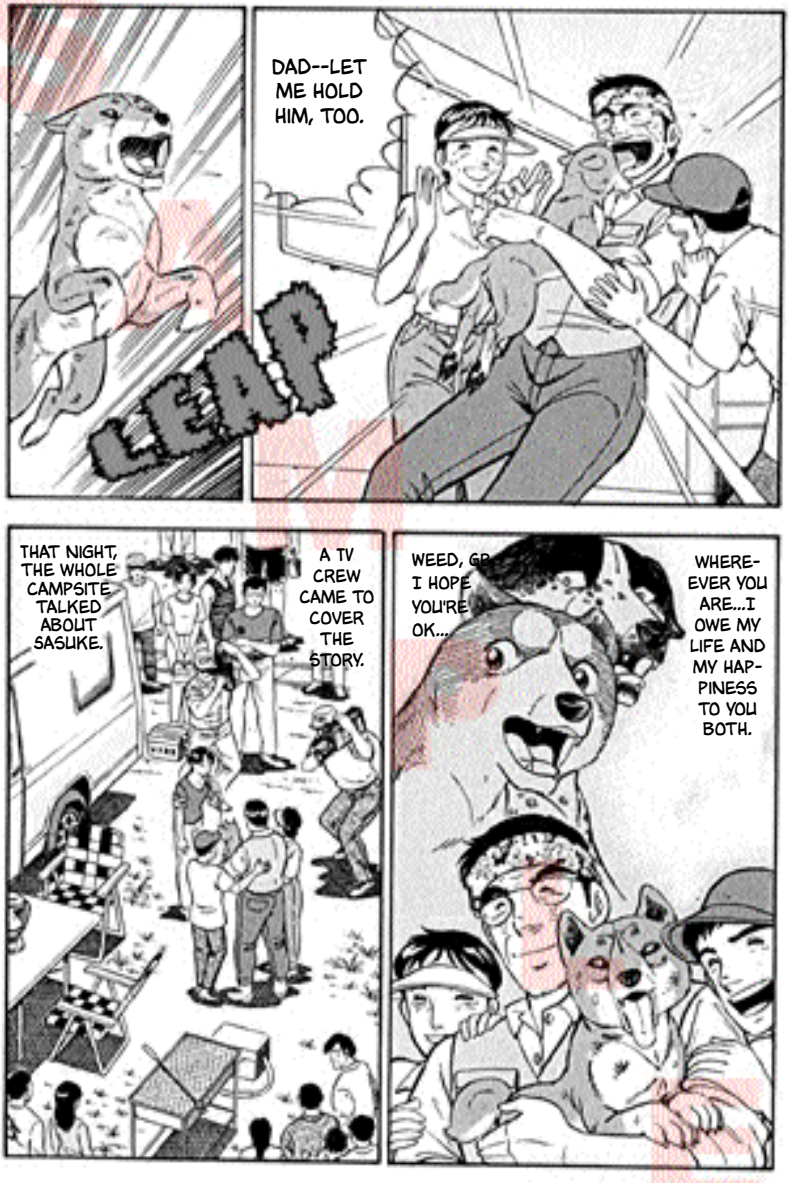
ARF!
ARF!
ARF!
ARF!
ARF!
ARF!

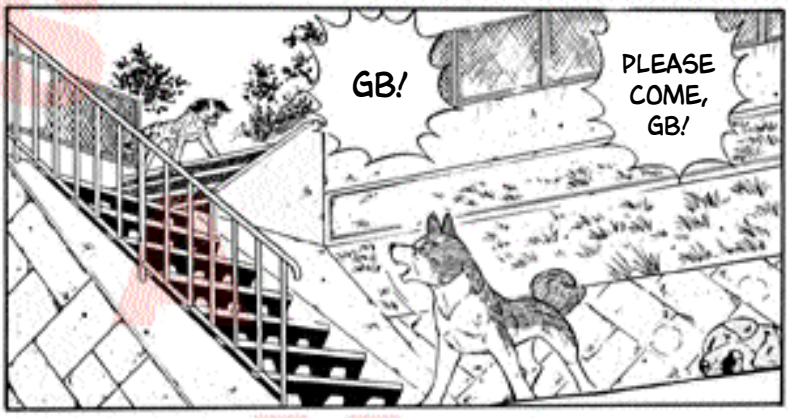
SASUKE BARKED WITH NO SHAME. HE RAN UP TO HIS OWNER'S BUS, CRYING.
ARF! ARF!
ARF! ARF!
ARF! ARF!
HIS CRY, AFTER 2 LONG YEARS, ECHOED LOUDLY THROUGH THE CAMPSITE.
WOOF!
WOOF!

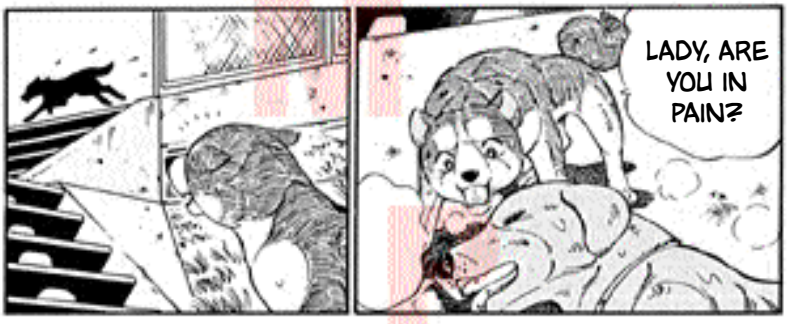

CREAK

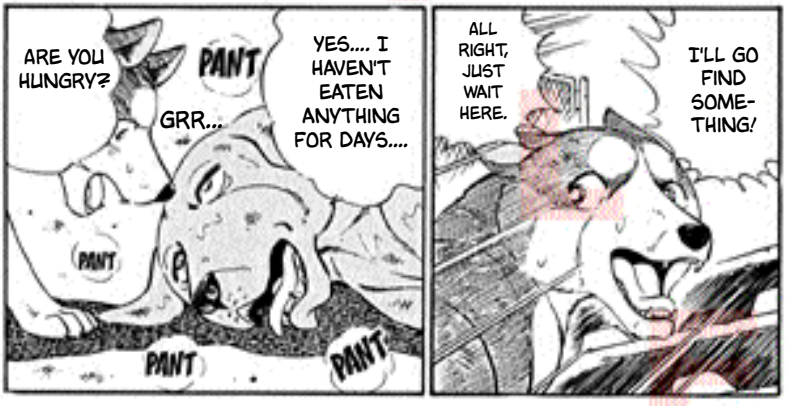
!?
YOU'RE KIDDING! SASUKE!?
WHAT!?

ARF!
ARF!
IT'S SASUKE!
.....
ARF!
ARF!
HRNNN
HRNNN
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, AFTER 2 YEARS.
YOU MUTT, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
HRNN..
HRNN..
WELCOME BACK SASUKE!!
C'MERE, LET ME HOLD YOU!!

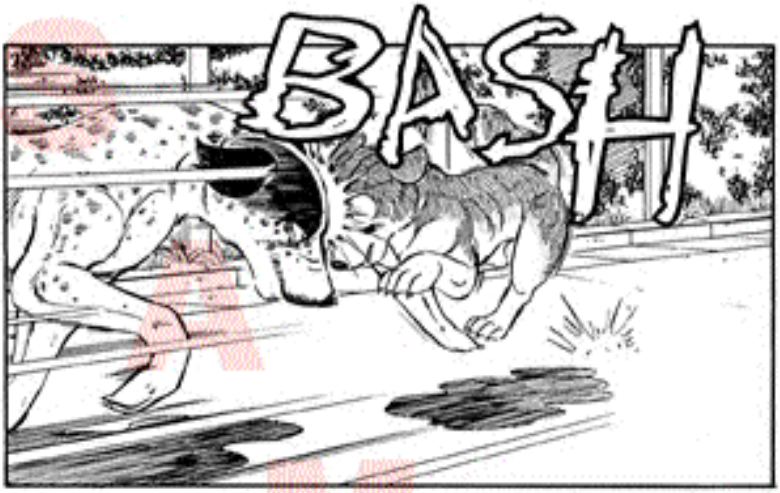

LEAP
DAD--LET ME HOLD HIM, TOO.
THAT NIGHT, THE WHOLE CAMPSITE TALKED ABOUT SASUKE.
A TV CREW CAME TO COVER THE STORY.
WEED, GP I HOPE YOU'RE OK...
WHERE-EVER YOU ARE...I OWE MY LIFE AND MY HAP-PINESS TO YOU BOTH.


GB!
PLEASE COME, GB!


LADY, ARE YOU IN PAIN?

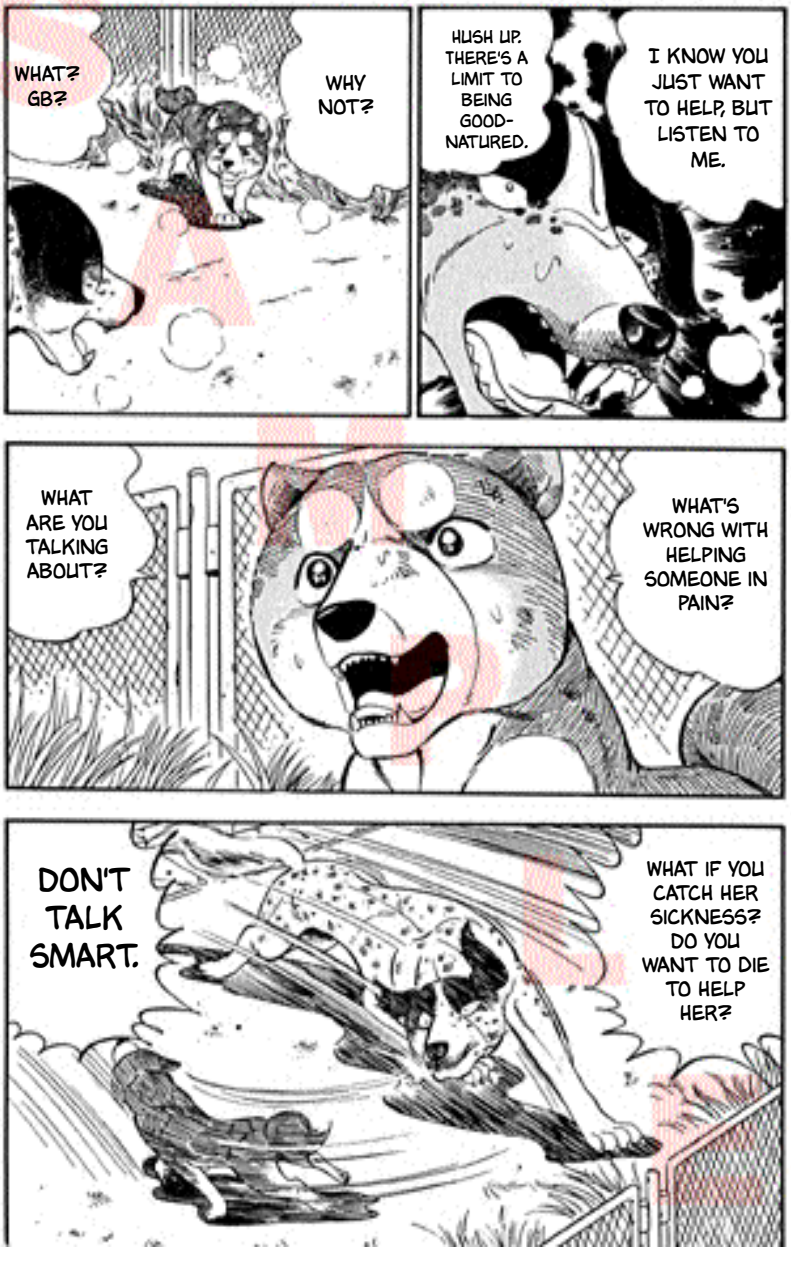

ARE YOU HUNGRY?
PANT
GRR...
YES.... I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING FOR DAYS....
PANT
PANT
PANT
ALL RIGHT, JUST WAIT HERE.
I'LL GO FIND SOME-THING!

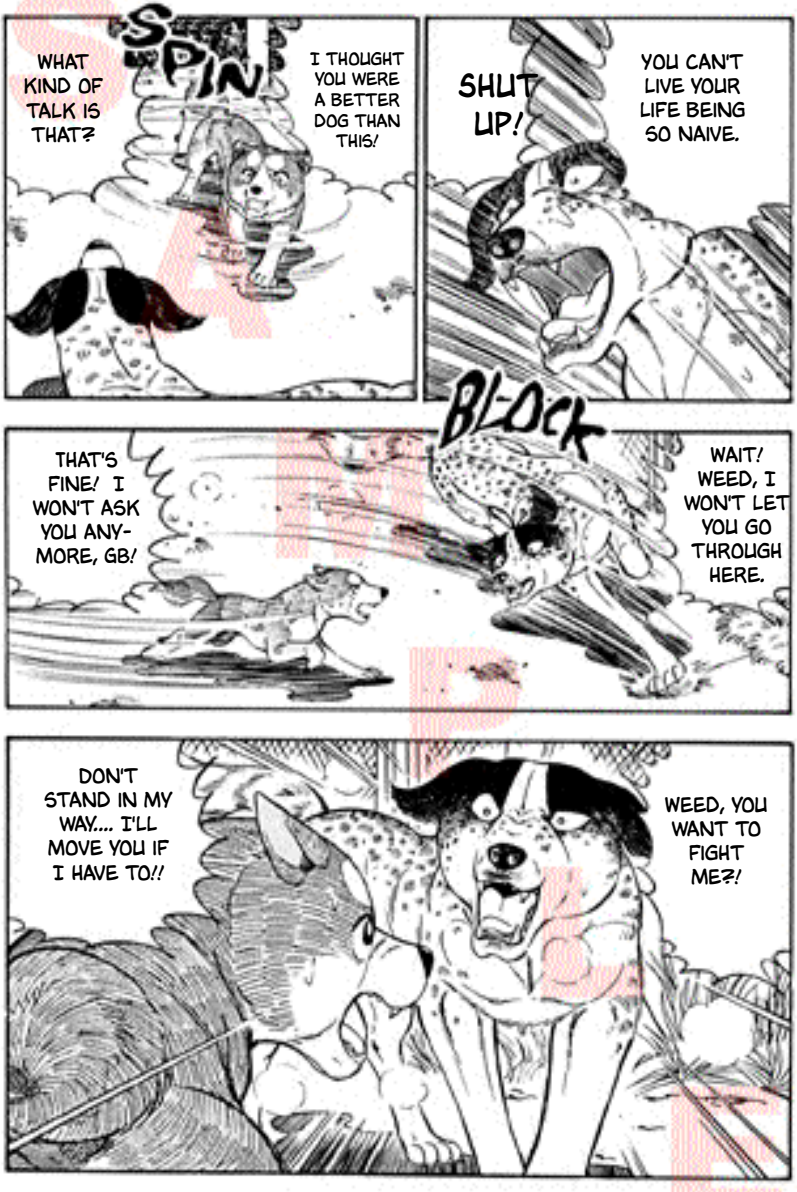
HOP
HOP
GB!?
GB!
WHERE ARE YOU? GB?
GB!
THAT LADY'S SICK.
I'M HERE, WEED.
DASH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GB?
I TOLD YOU, THAT LADY'S SICK.

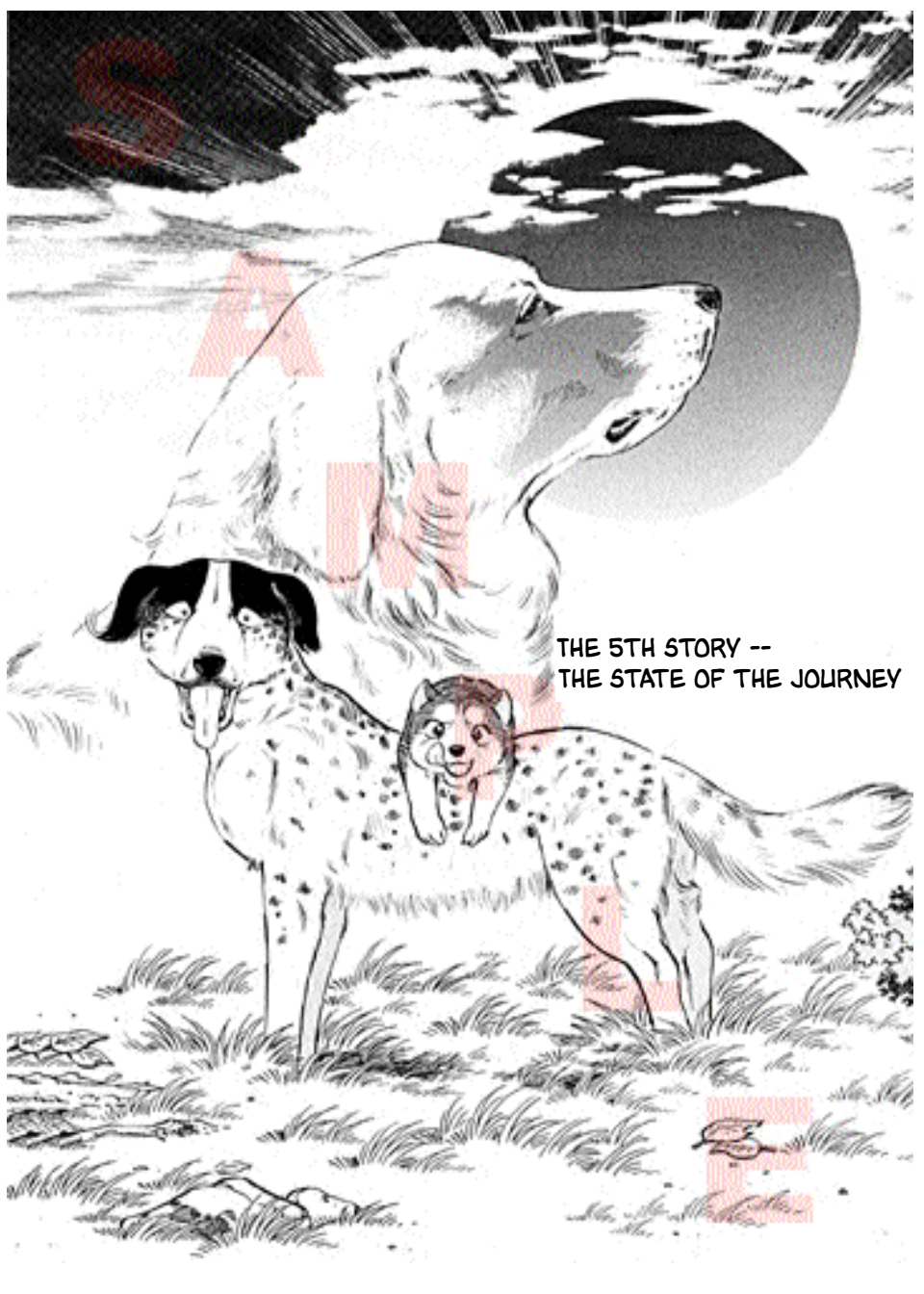

BASH

HURL
SMAK

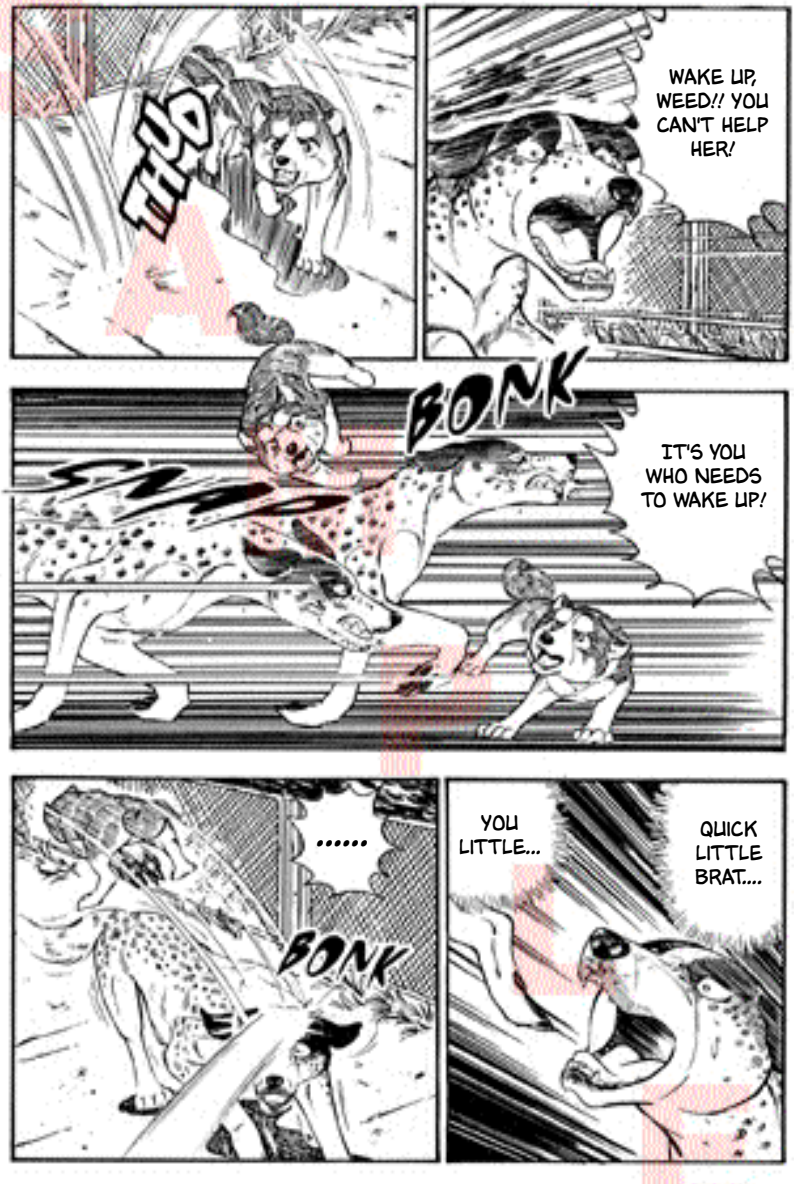
.....
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, GB?
I HAVE TO TELL YOU SOME-THING.
DON'T GET NEAR THAT LADY!
GRRRRRR


WHAT? GB?
WHY NOT?
HUSH UP. THERE'S A LIMIT TO BEING GOOD-NATURED.
I KNOW YOU JUST WANT TO HELP, BUT LISTEN TO ME.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HELPING SOMEONE IN PAIN?
DON'T TALK SMART.
WHAT IF YOU CATCH HER SICKNESS? DO YOU WANT TO DIE TO HELP HER?


WHAT KIND OF TALK IS THAT?
SPIN
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A BETTER DOG THAN THIS!
SHUT UP!
YOU CAN'T LIVE YOUR LIFE BEING SO NAIVE.
BLOCK
THAT'S FINE! I WON'T ASK YOU ANY-MORE, GB!
WAIT! WEED, I WON'T LET YOU GO THROUGH HERE.
DON'T STAND IN MY WAY.... I'LL MOVE YOU IF I HAVE TO!!
WEED, YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME?!


THE 5TH STORY --
THE STATE OF THE JOURNEY

JUMP
ZIP
YOU LITTLE BRAT, YOU BIT ME.
YOU REALLY BIT ME...!


THUD
WAKE UP, WEED!! YOU CAN'T HELP HER!
BONK
IT'S YOU WHO NEEDS TO WAKE UP!
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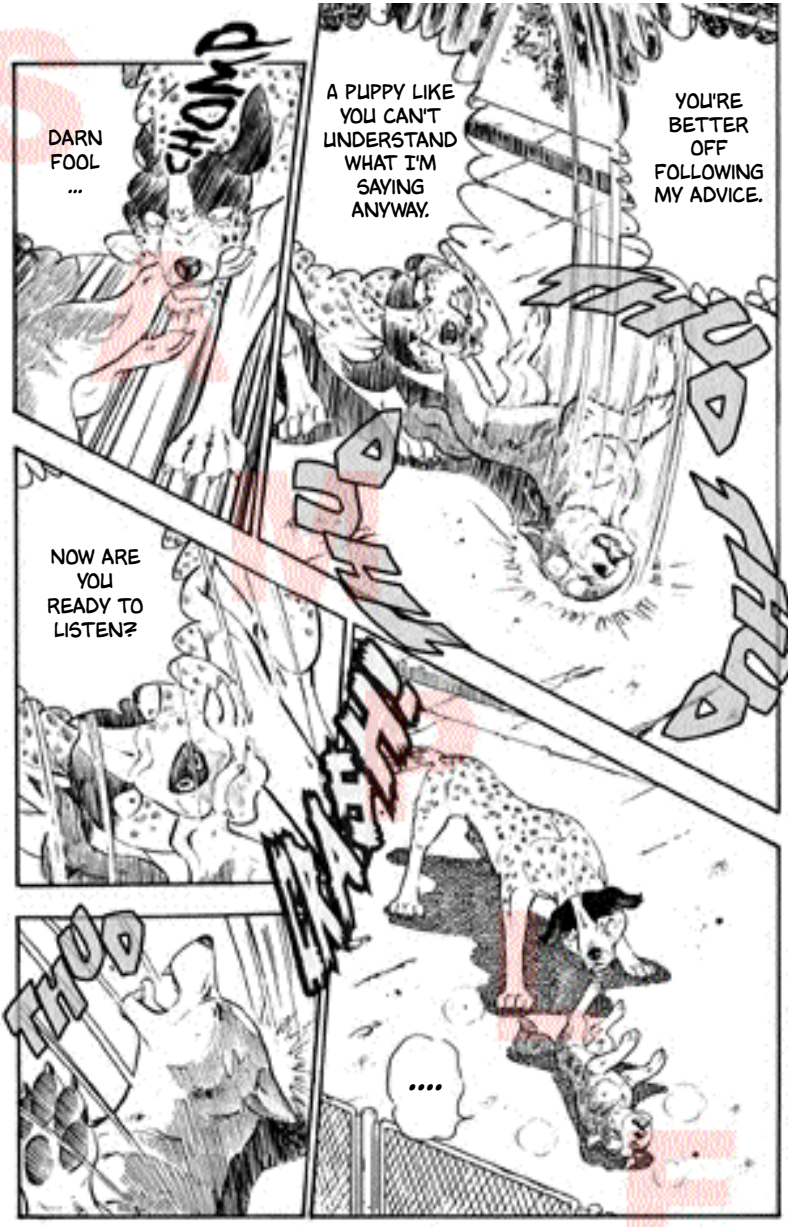
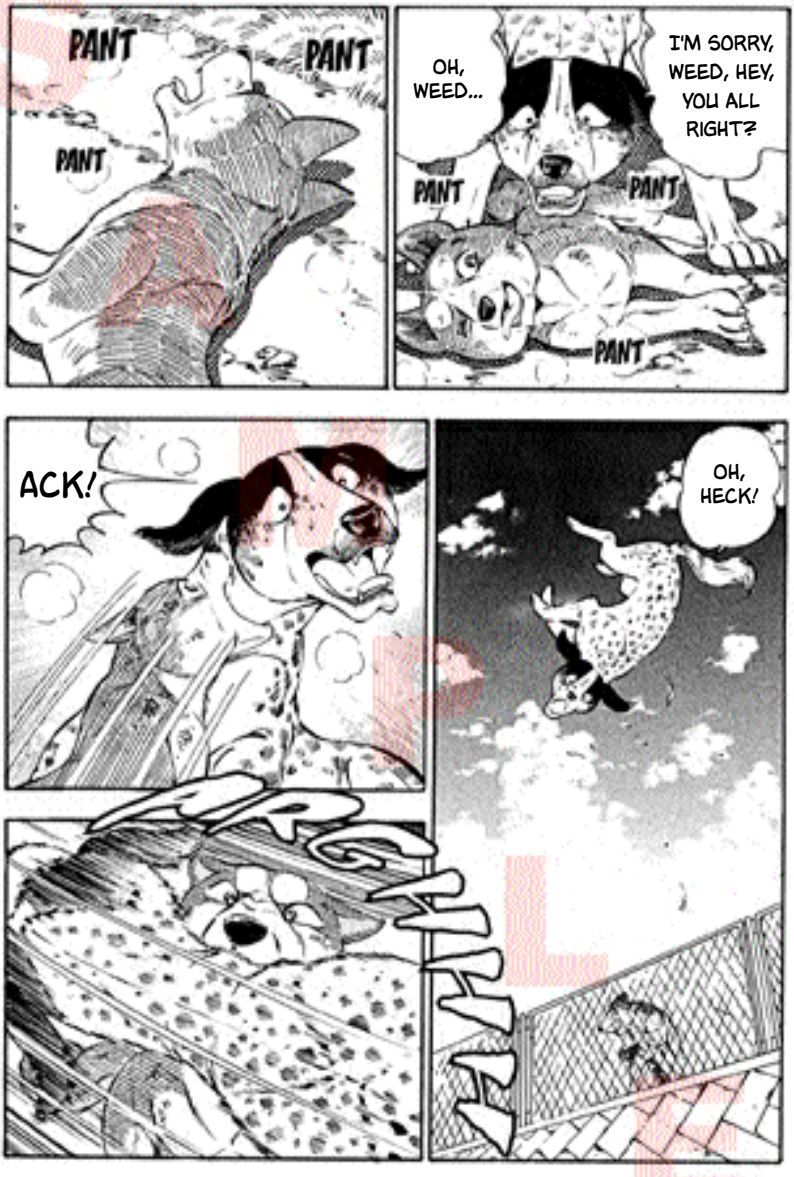
BONK
YOU LITTLE...
QUICK LITTLE BRAT....


CHOMP
DARN FOOL ...
A PUPPY LIKE YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING ANYWAY.
YOU'RE BETTER OFF FOLLOWING MY ADVICE.
THUD
THUD
NOW ARE YOU READY TO LISTEN?
THUD
....


PANT
PANT
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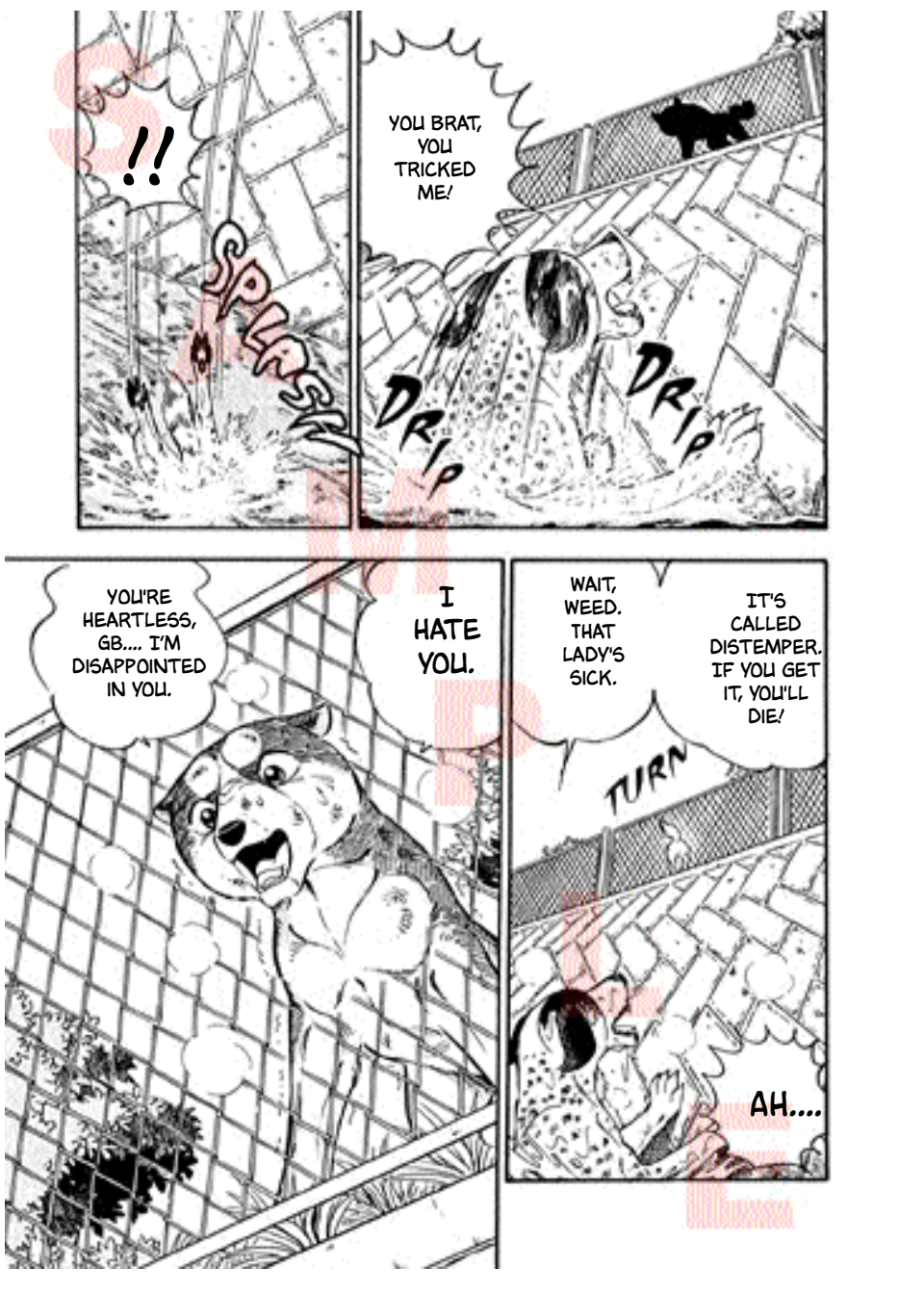
OH, WEED...
I'M SORRY, WEED, HEY, YOU ALL RIGHT?
PANT
PANT
PANT
ACK!
OH, HECK!
AAAIII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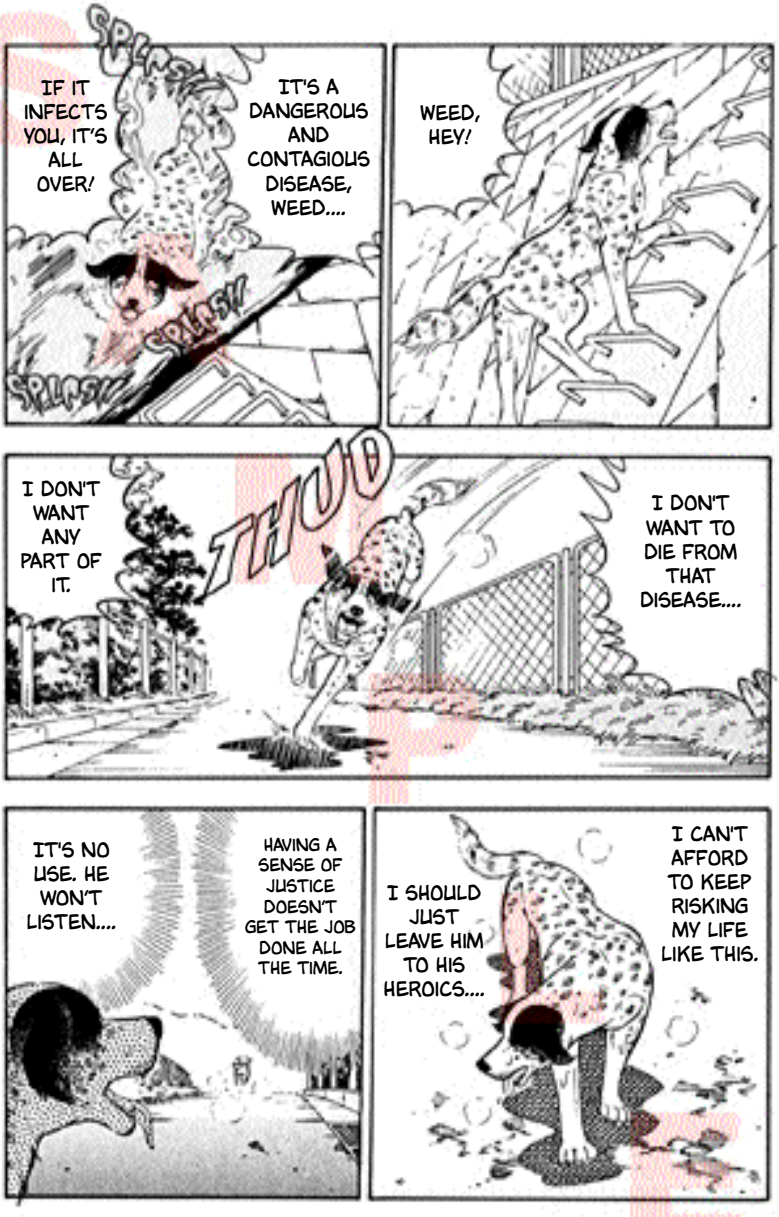
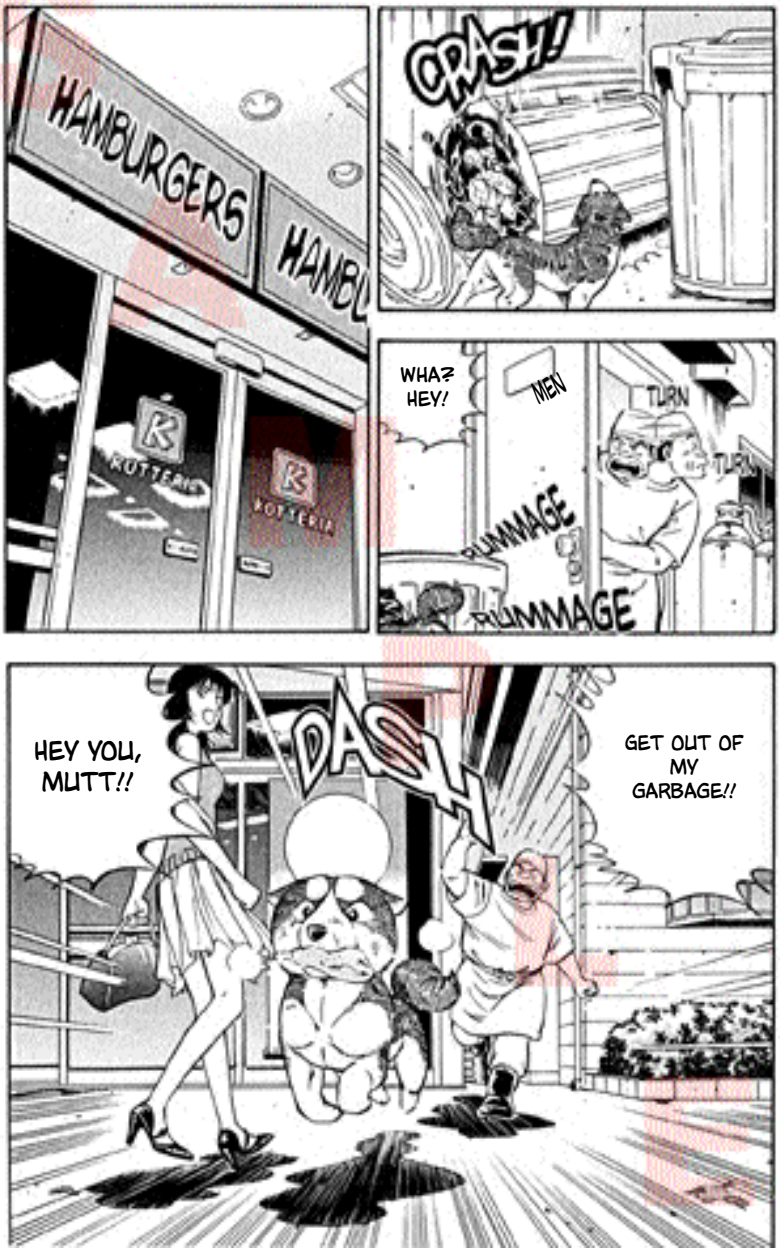
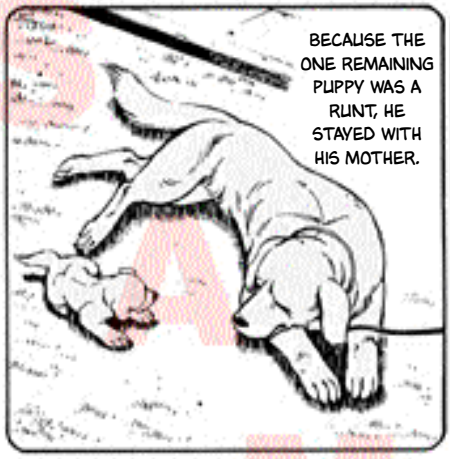
SPLASH
YOU BRAT, YOU TRICKED ME!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
YOU'RE HEARTLESS, GB.... I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU.
I HATE YOU.
WAIT, WEED. THAT LADY'S SICK.
IT'S CALLED DISTEMPER. IF YOU GET IT, YOU'LL DIE!
TURN
AH....


IF IT INFECTS YOU, IT'S ALL OVER!
IT'S A DANGEROUS AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASE, WEED....
SPLASH!
SPLASH!
WEED, HEY!
I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF IT.
THUD
I DON'T WANT TO DIE FROM THAT DISEASE....
IT'S NO USE. HE WON'T LISTEN....
HAVING A SENSE OF JUSTICE DOESN'T GET THE JOB DONE ALL THE TIME.
I SHOULD JUST LEAVE HIM TO HIS HEROICS....
I CAN'T AFFORD TO KEEP RISKING MY LIFE LIKE THIS.


HAMBURGERS
HAMBU
KOTTERIA
KOTTERIA
CRASH!
WHA?
HEY!
MEN
TURN
TURN
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
HEY YOU, MUTT!!
DASH
GET OUT OF MY GARBAGE!!

DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME IS WEED? THANK YOU.
CAN I REALLY EAT ALL THIS!?
YES. WHEN IT GETS DARK, I'LL BRING SOMETHING FOR YOU AGAIN.
PLEASE GET WELL SOON, LENNY.
THANK YOU, WEED.
MUNCH
LENNY, WHAT MADE YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME?
ACTUALLY, I LEFT HOME LOOKING FOR MY SON.
MUNCH
YOUR SON!?
BY NOW...
HE'S PROBABLY GROWN UP TO BE YOUR SIZE.

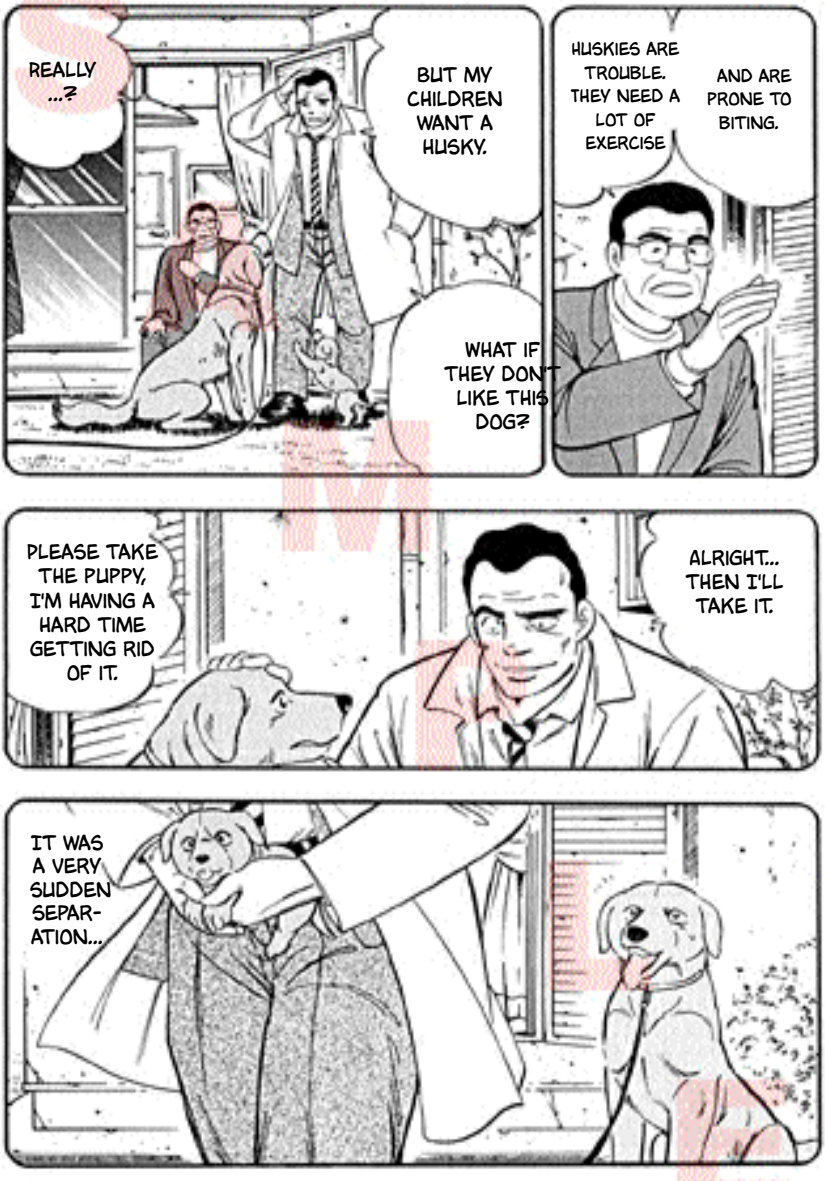
LENNY IS A GOLDEN RETRIEVER.
SHE DELIVERED 7 PUPPIES AT HOME IN YOKOSUKA AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.
6 OF THE PUPPIES WERE SOLD TO A PET SHOP WITHIN 2 MONTHS.

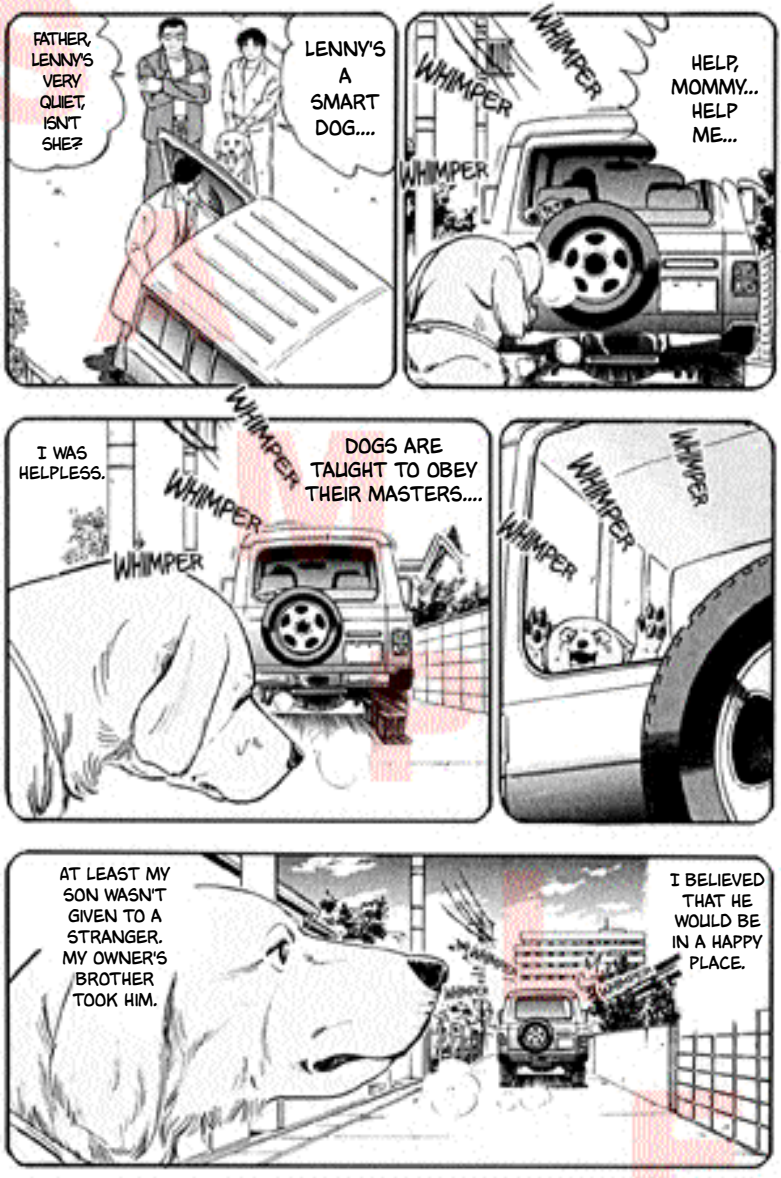

BECAUSE THE ONE REMAINING PUPPY WAS A RUNT, HE STAYED WITH HIS MOTHER.

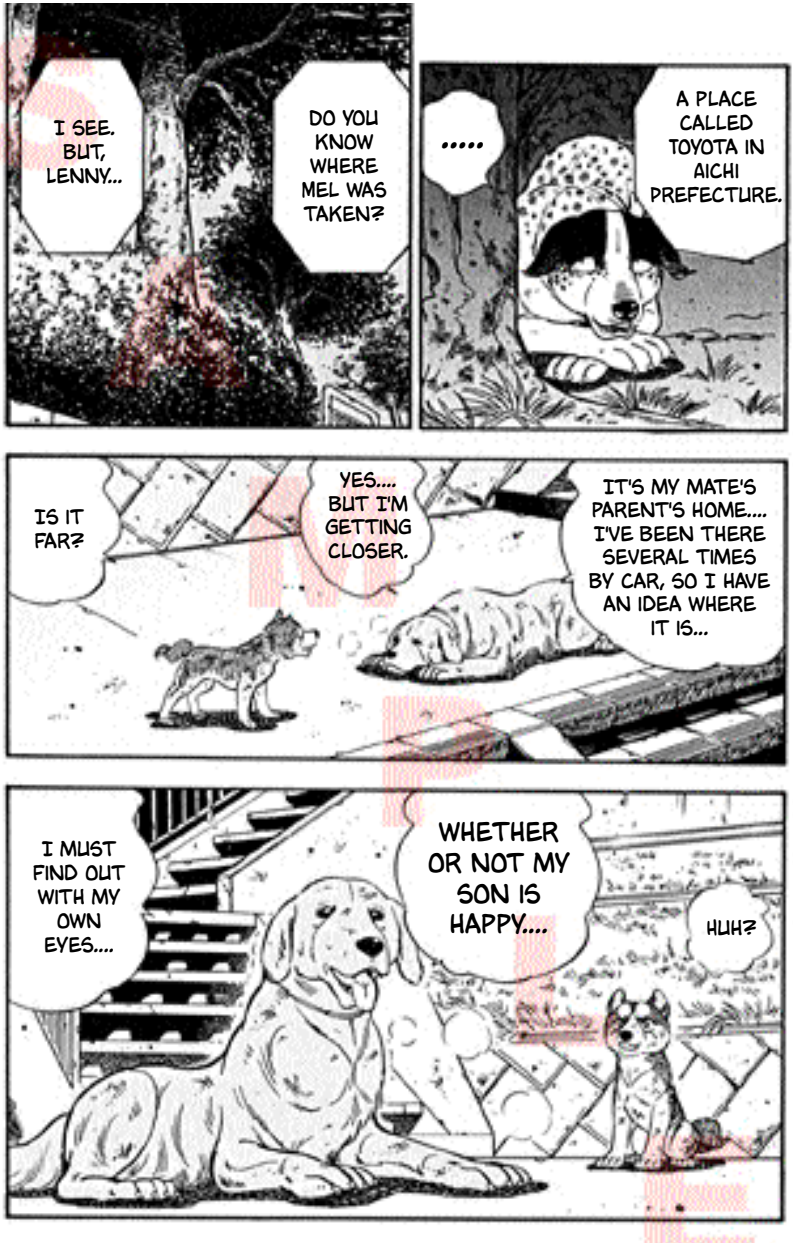
LENNY LOVED HIM TREMENDOUSLY.
SHE FELT SORRY FOR HER SON BECAUSE HIS SIBLINGS WERE GONE.

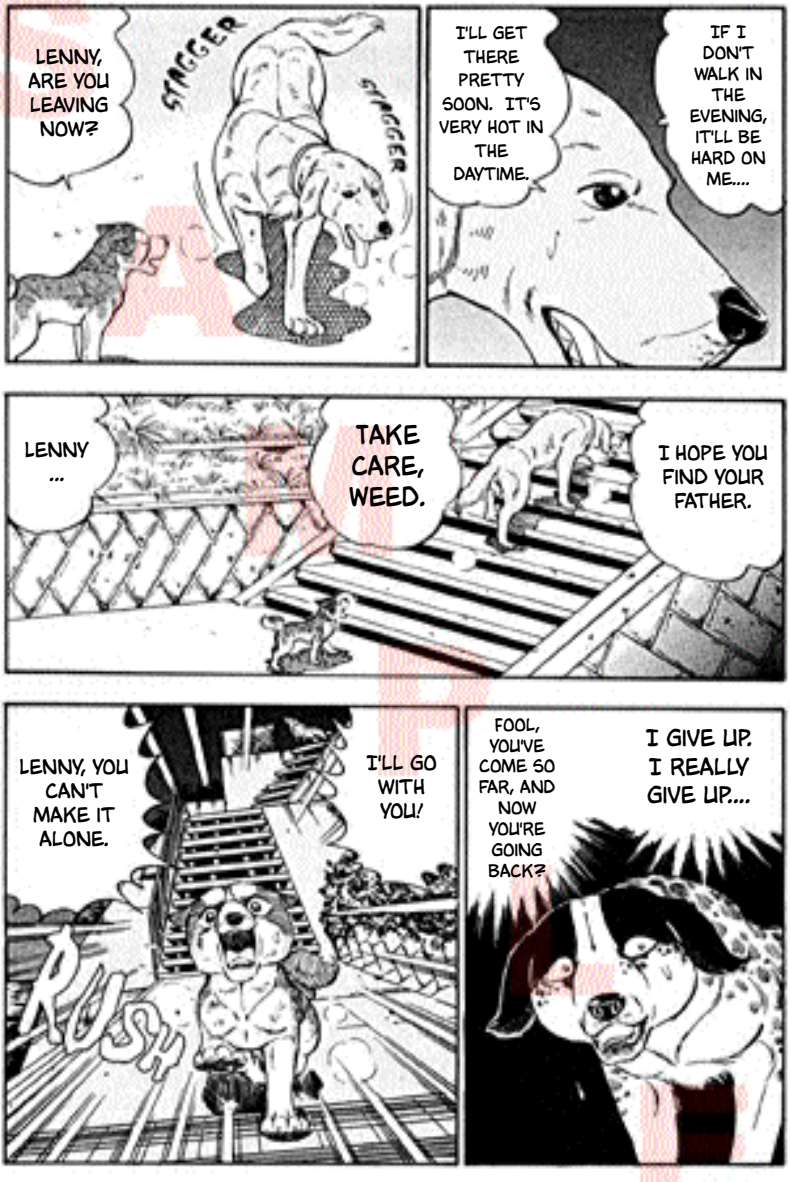
AND THEN ONE DAY...
YOU HAVE ONE MORE LEFT!?

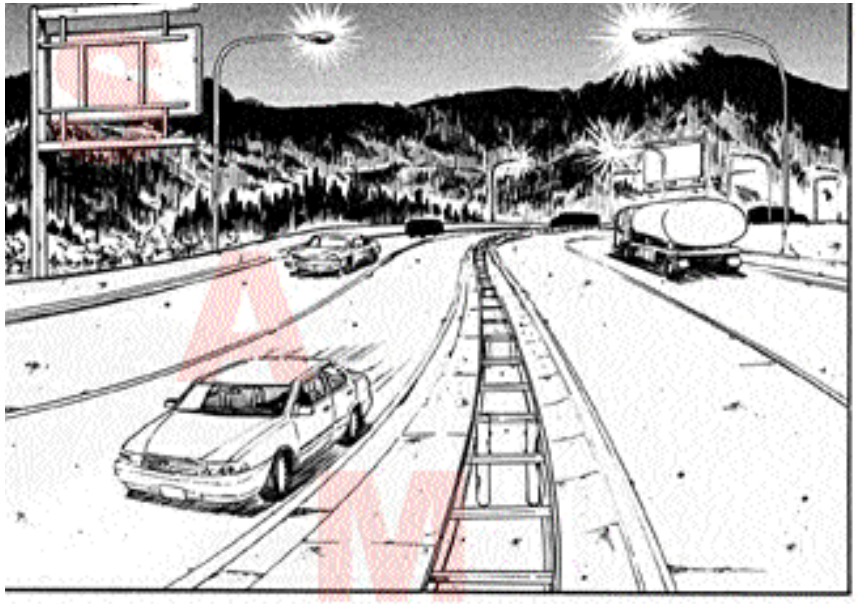
IF YOU LIKE THE DOG, YOU CAN TAKE IT, BROTHER.
MY YARD'S SMALL AND HAVING 2 DOGS WON'T BE EASY....

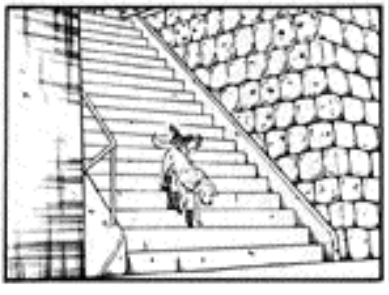

REALLY ...?
BUT MY CHILDREN WANT A HUSKY.
WHAT IF THEY DON'T LIKE THIS DOG?
HUSKIES ARE TROUBLE. THEY NEED A LOT OF EXERCISE
AND ARE PRONE TO BITING.
PLEASE TAKE THE PUPPY, I'M HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING RID OF IT.
ALRIGHT... THEN I'LL TAKE IT.
IT WAS A VERY SUDDEN SEPAR-ATION...

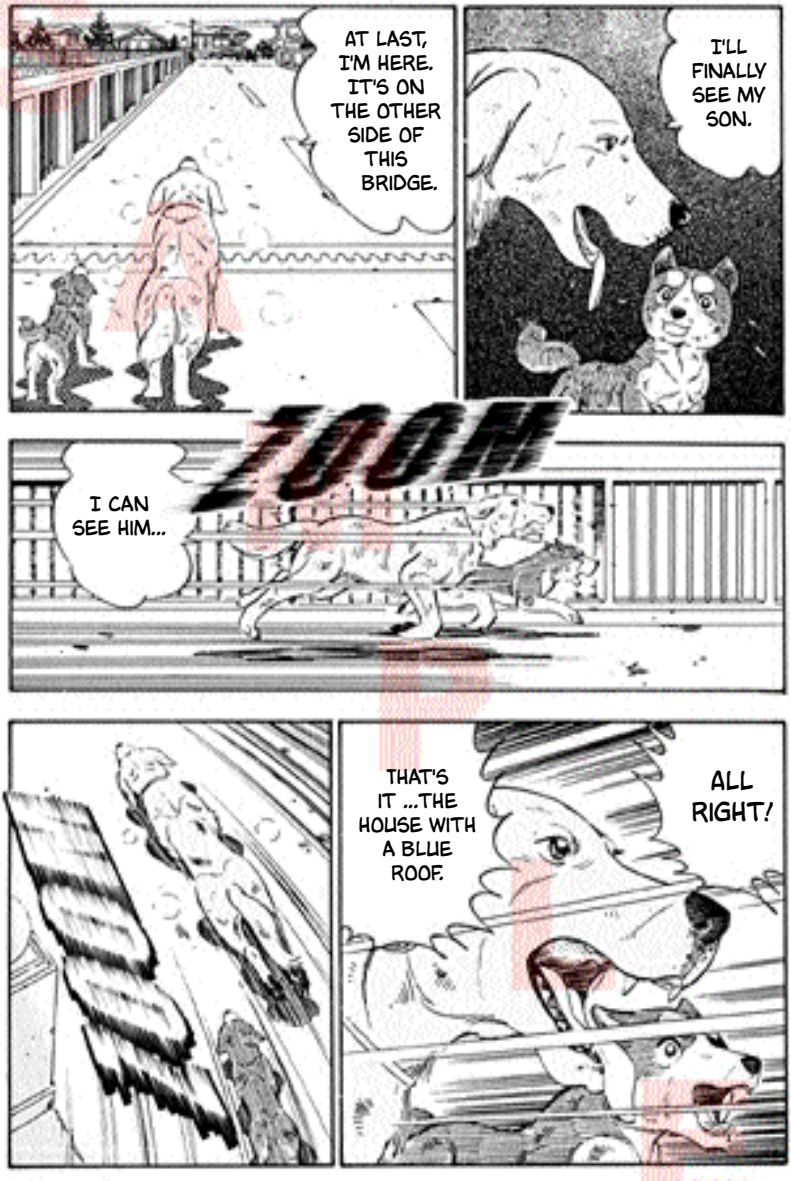

FATHER, LENNY'S VERY QUIET, ISN'T SHE?
LENNY'S A SMART DOG....
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
HELP, MOMMY... HELP ME...
I WAS HELPLESS.
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
DOGS ARE TAUGHT TO OBEY THEIR MASTERS....
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
AT LEAST MY SON WASN'T GIVEN TO A STRANGER. MY OWNER'S BROTHER TOOK HIM.
I BELIEVED THAT HE WOULD BE IN A HAPPY PLACE.


I SEE. BUT, LENNY...
DO YOU KNOW WHERE MEL WAS TAKEN?
.....
A PLACE CALLED TOYOTA IN AICHI PREFECTURE.
IS IT FAR?
YES.... BUT I'M GETTING CLOSER.
IT'S MY MATE'S PARENT'S HOME.... I'VE BEEN THERE SEVERAL TIMES BY CAR, SO I HAVE AN IDEA WHERE IT IS...
I MUST FIND OUT WITH MY OWN EYES....
WHETHER OR NOT MY SON IS HAPPY....
HUH?


LENNY, ARE YOU LEAVING NOW?
STAGGER
STAGGER
I'LL GET THERE PRETTY SOON. IT'S VERY HOT IN THE DAYTIME.
IF I DON'T WALK IN THE EVENING, IT'LL BE HARD ON ME....
LENNY ...
TAKE CARE, WEED.
I HOPE YOU FIND YOUR FATHER.
LENNY, YOU CAN'T MAKE IT ALONE.
I'LL GO WITH YOU!
RUSH
FOOL, YOU'VE COME SO FAR, AND NOW YOU'RE GOING BACK?
I GIVE UP. I REALLY GIVE UP....



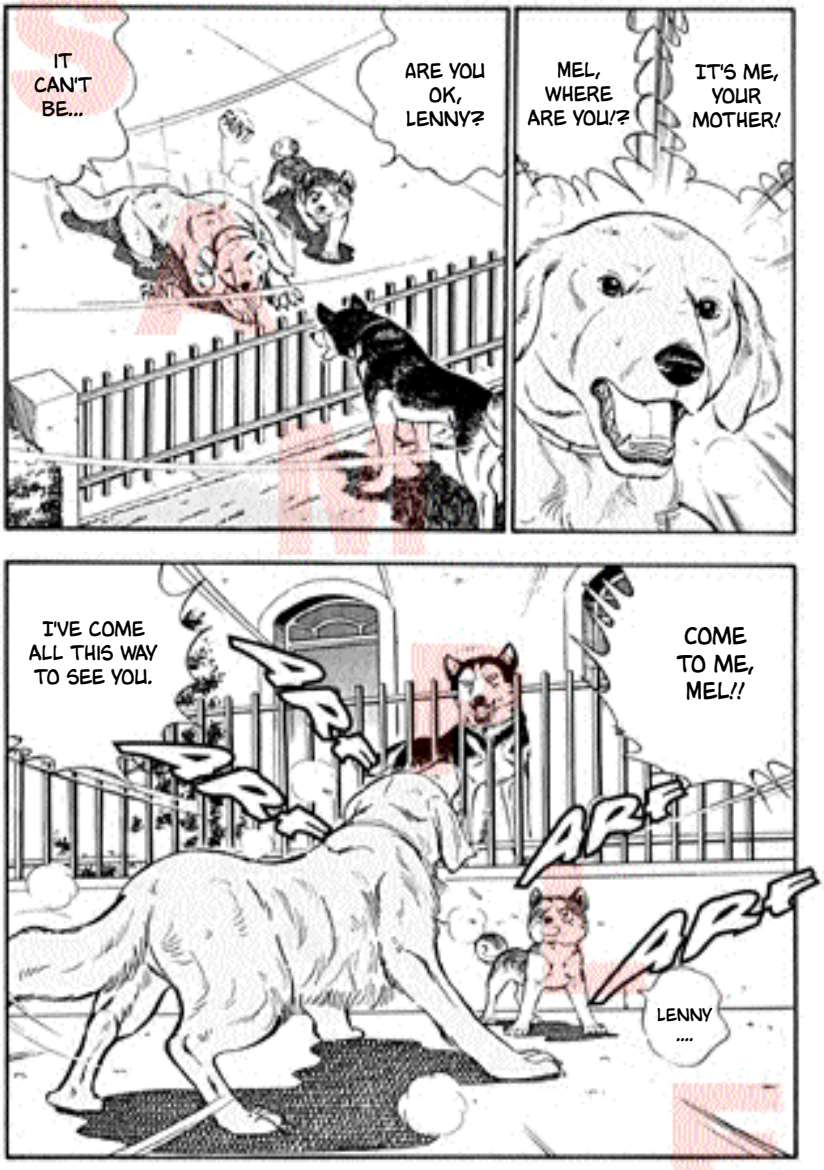



AT LAST, I'M HERE. IT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS BRIDGE.
I'LL FINALLY SEE MY SON.
ZOOM
I CAN SEE HIM...
THAT'S IT ...THE HOUSE WITH A BLUE ROOF.
ALL RIGHT!

!?
WHO'RE YOU...? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THIS CAN'T BE.....
WHO ARE YOU!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HUH!?
WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT!?

WHERE'S MEL!?
MY MEL...WHERE IS HE? HE'S HERE, ISN'T HE?
MEL!? WHAT ARE YOU YAPPING ABOUT, OLD LADY?
I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE!!
PANT
IT CAN'T BE! WHY?
LENNY!?

THE 6TH STORY --
REUNION

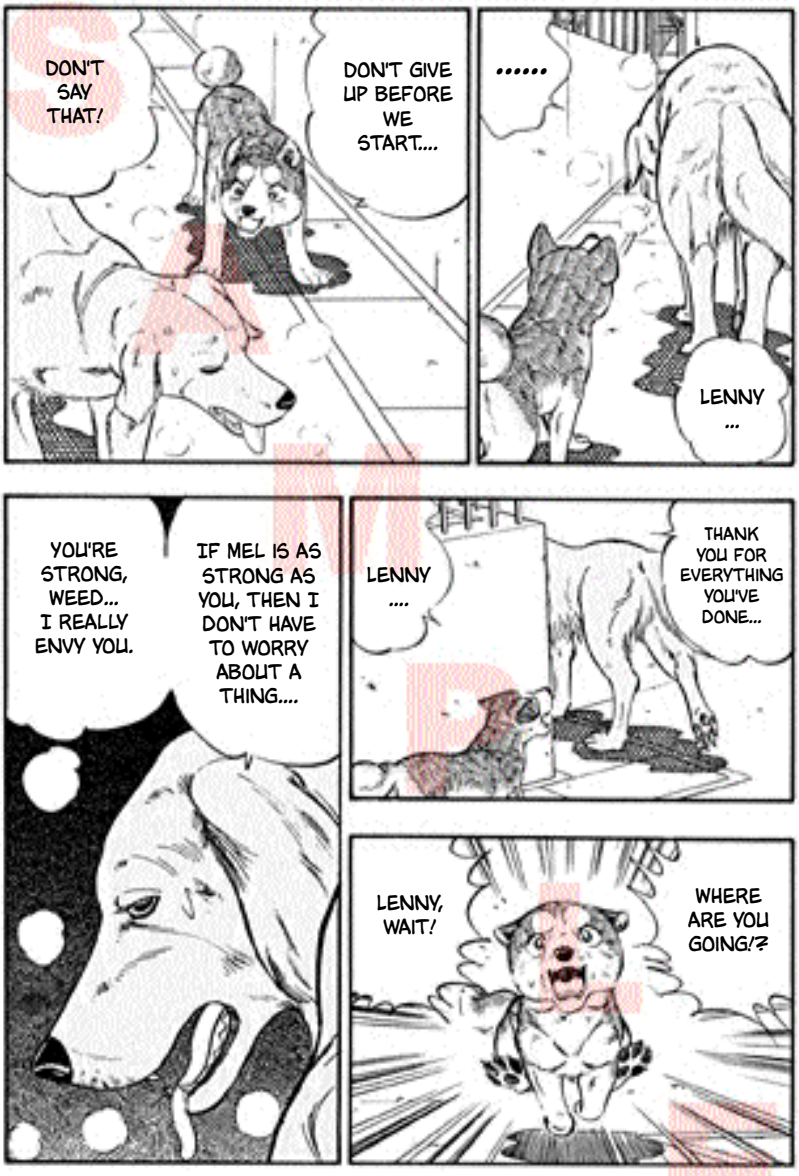

IT CAN'T BE...
ARE YOU OK, LENNY?
FAINT
MEL, WHERE ARE YOU!?
IT'S ME, YOUR MOTHER!
I'VE COME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE YOU.
COME TO ME, MEL!!
ARF
ARF
LENNY ....

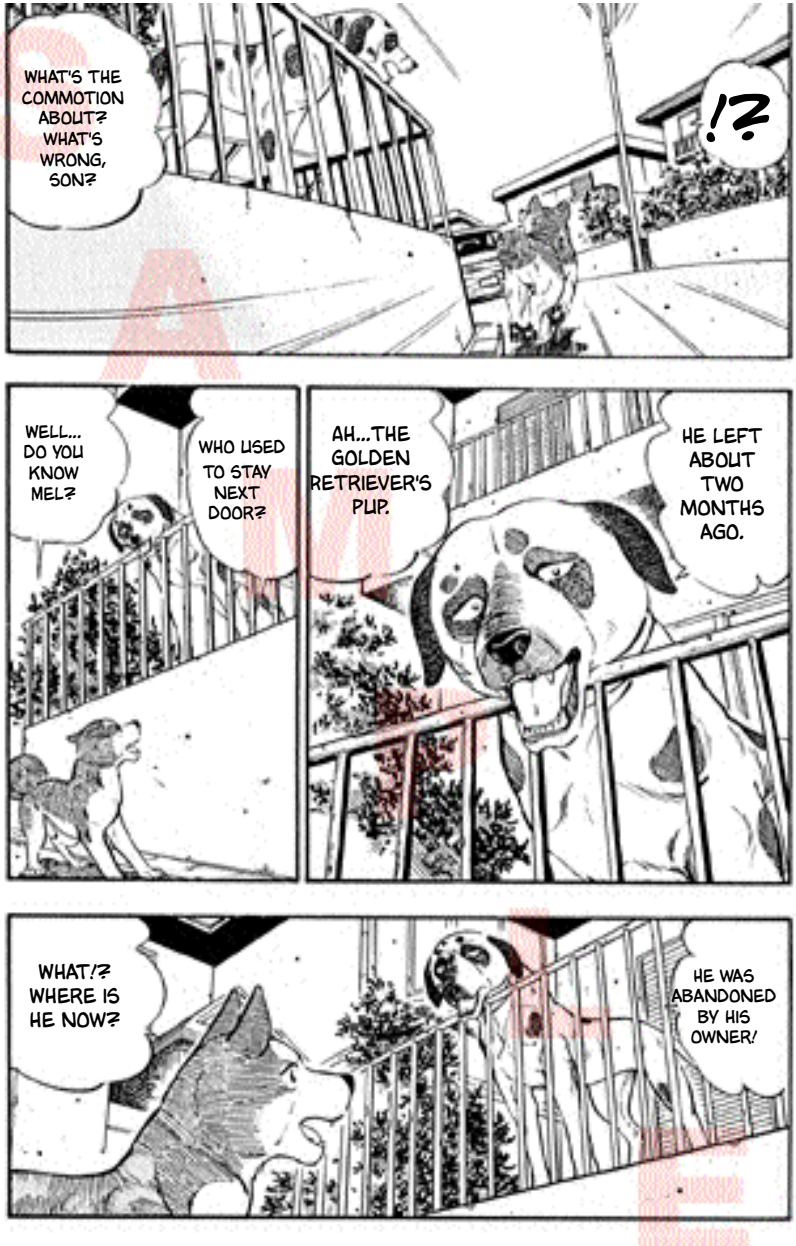
GRRRRR
SHUT YOUR MOUTH! I'M GUARDING THIS HOUSE.
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, COME ON INSIDE, I'LL FIGHT YOU!
ARGH

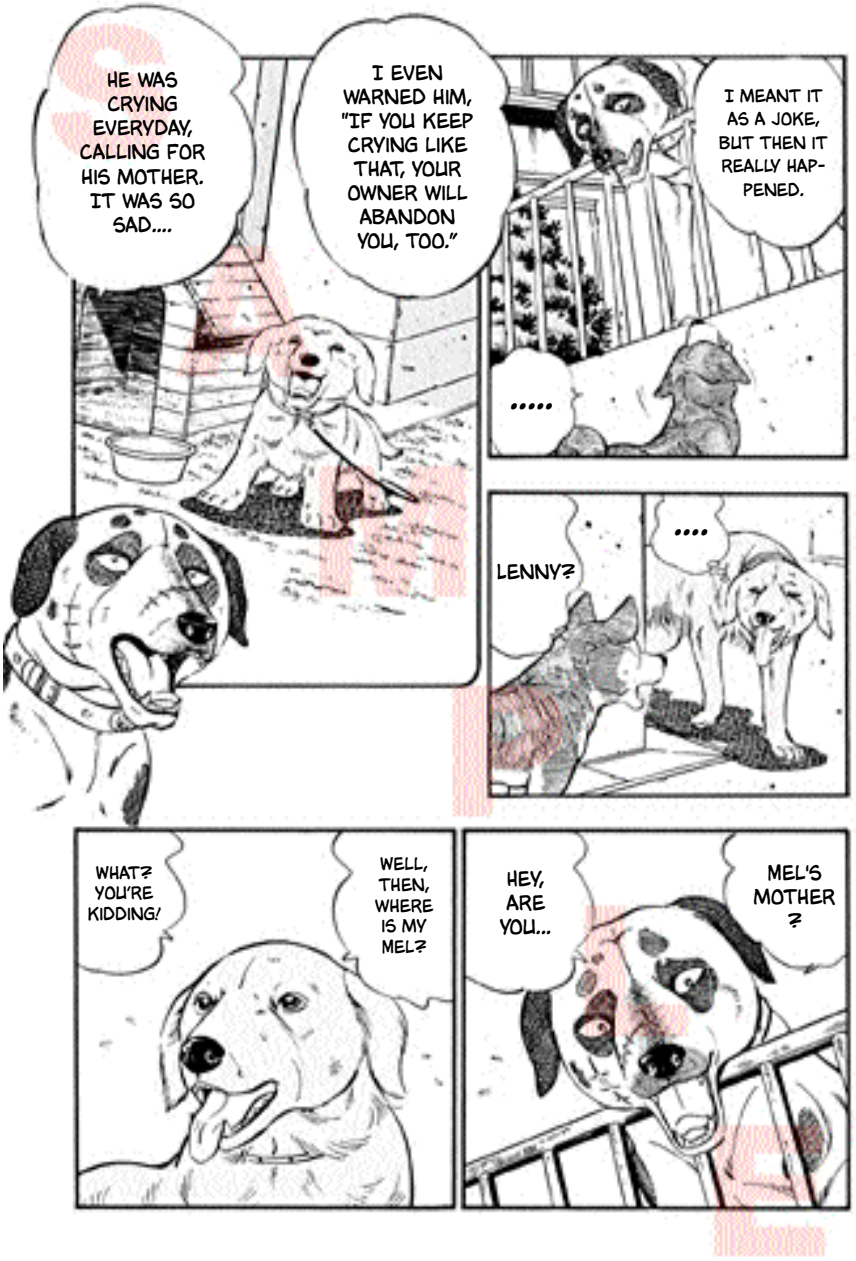
GOLBY, BE QUIET!
GRR..... WHAT IS IT NOW?
ARF
ARF
BARK
BARK
LENNY, SOMEONE'S COMING. GET OVER HERE.

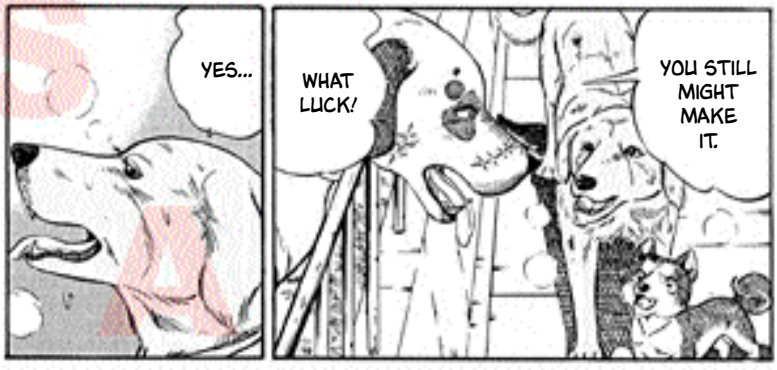
DON'T WORRY.
I'LL HELP YOU FIND MEL, NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES.

IT'S OKAY... NEVER MIND. WE'D BE WASTING OUR TIME.
I DON'T THINK MEL IS STILL ALIVE...

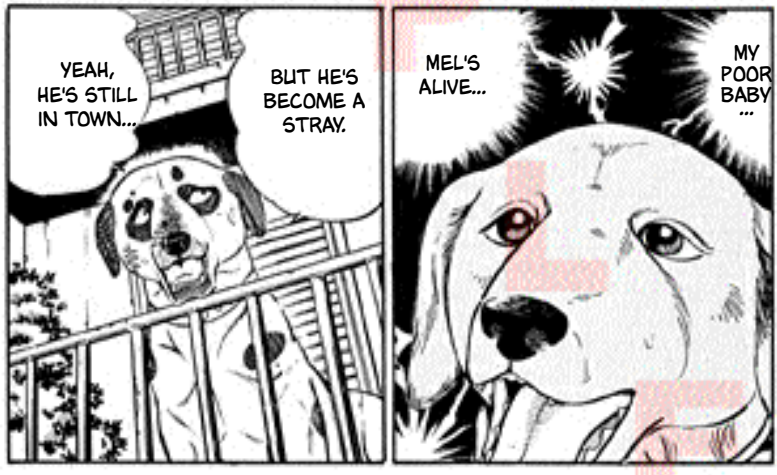

DON'T SAY THAT!
DON'T GIVE UP BEFORE WE START....
.....
LENNY ...
YOU'RE STRONG, WEED... I REALLY ENVY YOU.
IF MEL IS AS STRONG AS YOU, THEN I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A THING....
LENNY ....
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE...
LENNY, WAIT!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?

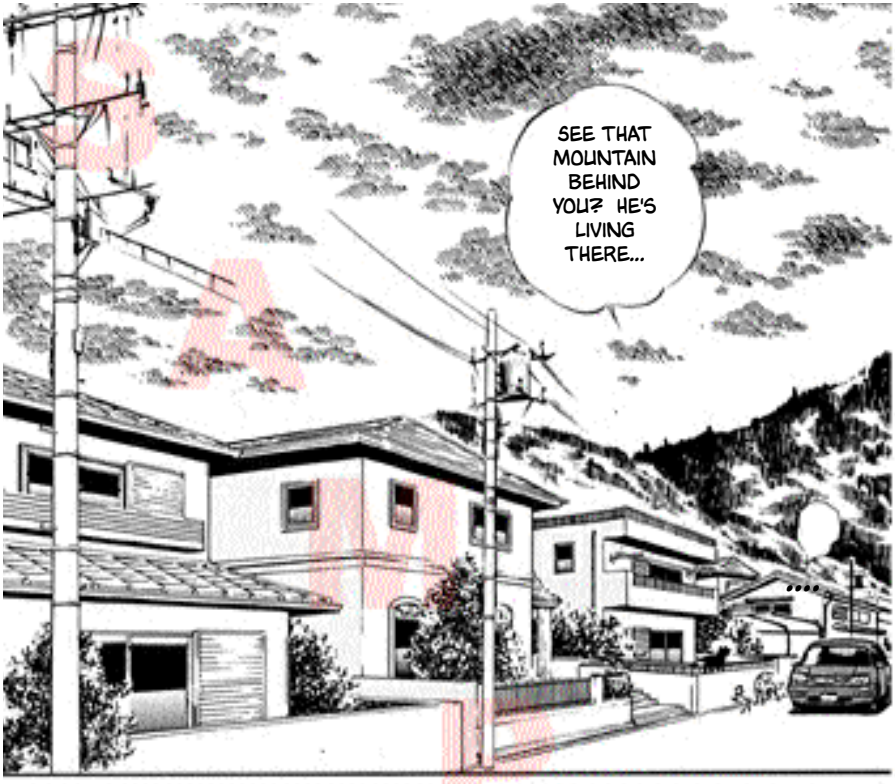

WHAT'S THE COMMOTION ABOUT? WHAT'S WRONG, SON?
!?
WELL... DO YOU KNOW ME!?
WHO USED TO STAY NEXT DOOR?
AH...THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER'S PUP.
HE LEFT ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO.
WHAT!? WHERE IS HE NOW?
HE WAS ABANDONED BY HIS OWNER!


HE WAS CRYING EVERYDAY, CALLING FOR HIS MOTHER. IT WAS SO SAD....
I EVEN WARNED HIM, "IF YOU KEEP CRYING LIKE THAT, YOUR OWNER WILL ABANDON YOU, TOO."
I MEANT IT AS A JOKE, BUT THEN IT REALLY HAPPENED.
.....
LENNY?
....
WHAT? YOU'RE KIDDING!
WELL, THEN, WHERE IS MY MEL?
HEY, ARE YOU...
MEL'S MOTHER?

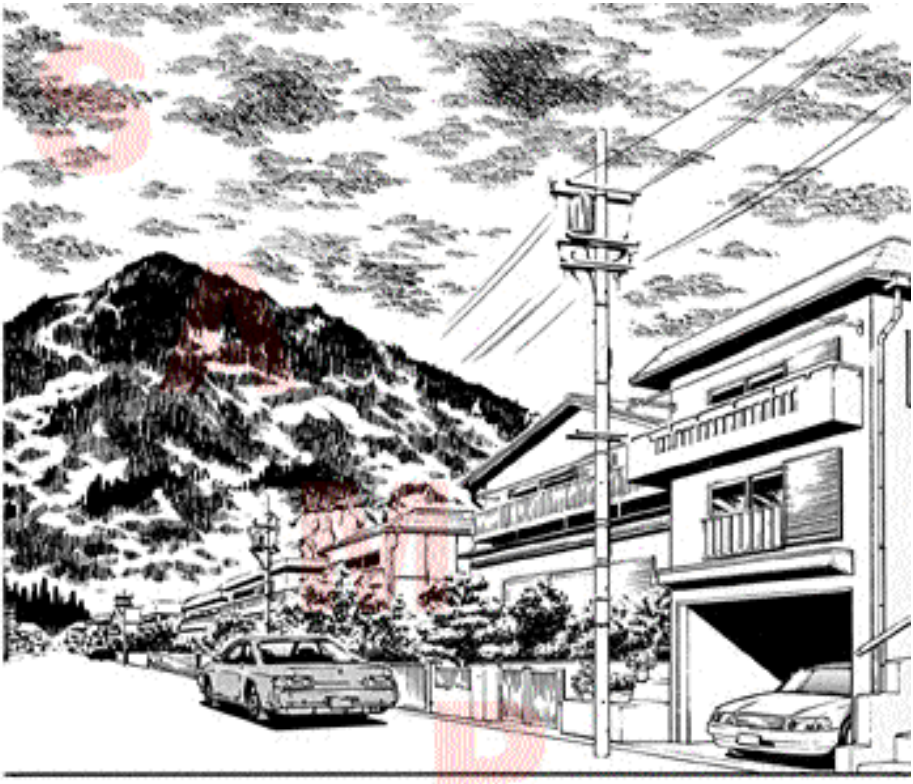

YES...
WHAT LUCK!
YOU STILL MIGHT MAKE IT.

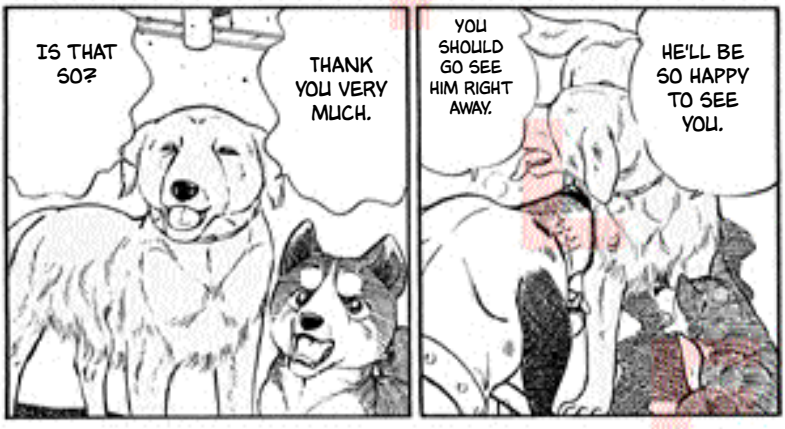
WHAT!? STILL MAKE WHAT?
MEL'S ALIVE!?

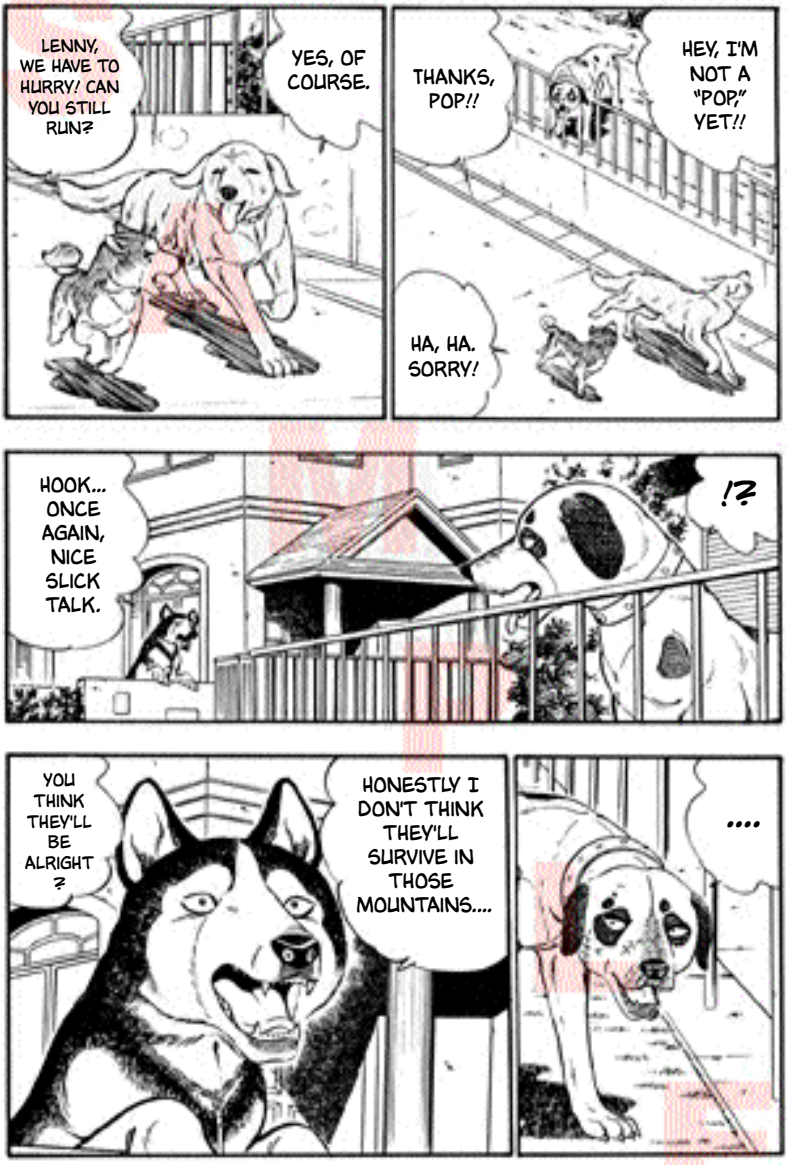

YEAH, HE'S STILL IN TOWN...
BUT HE'S BECOME A STRAY.
MEL'S ALIVE...
MY POOR BABY ...


SEE THAT MOUNTAIN BEHIND YOU? HE'S LIVING THERE...
....

I SAW HIM LAST WEEK WHEN I WAS TAKING A WALK. SOMETIMES HE COMES DOWN TO THE TOWN.
DON'T WORRY... HE WAS HEALTHY ENOUGH TO RUN UP THAT MOUNTAIN SLOPE.




IS THAT SO?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
YOU SHOULD GO SEE HIM RIGHT AWAY.
HE'LL BE SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU.


LENNY, WE HAVE TO HURRY! CAN YOU STILL RUN?
YES, OF COURSE.
THANKS, POP!!
HEY, I'M NOT A "POP," YET!!
HA, HA. SORRY!
HOOK... ONCE AGAIN, NICE SLICK TALK.
!?
YOU THINK THEY'LL BE ALRIGHT ?
HONESTLY I DON'T THINK THEY'LL SURVIVE IN THOSE MOUNTAINS....
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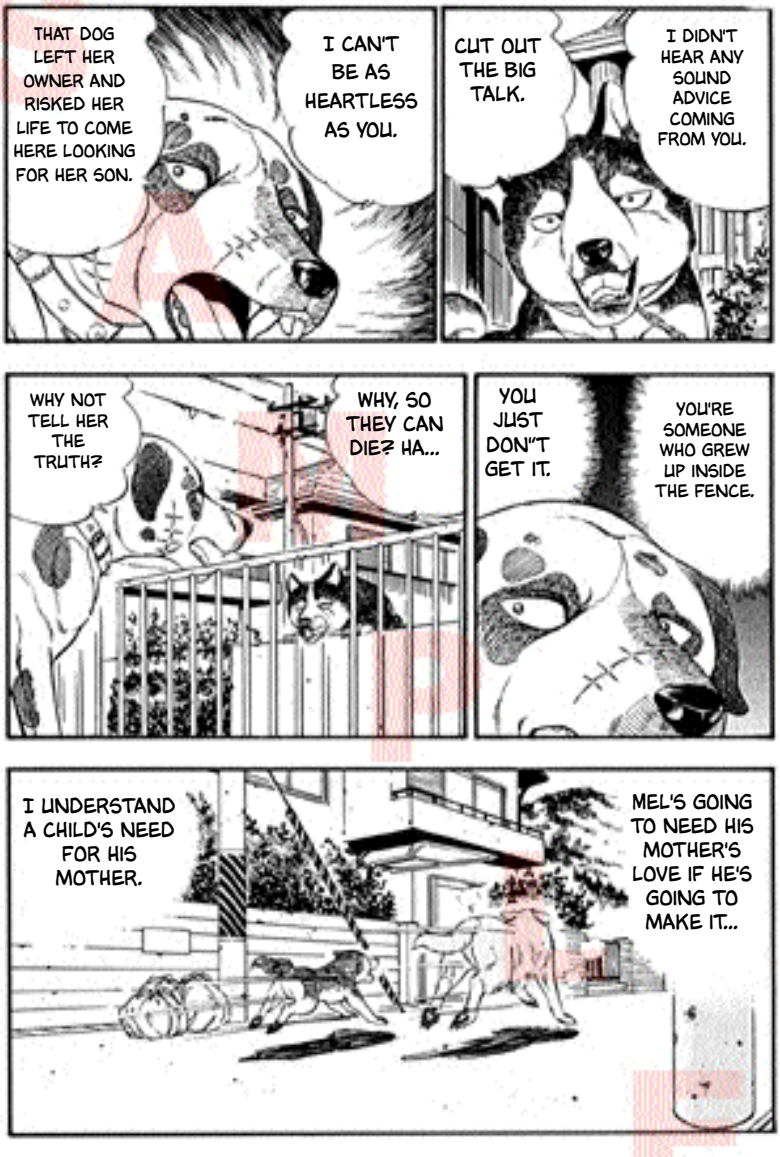
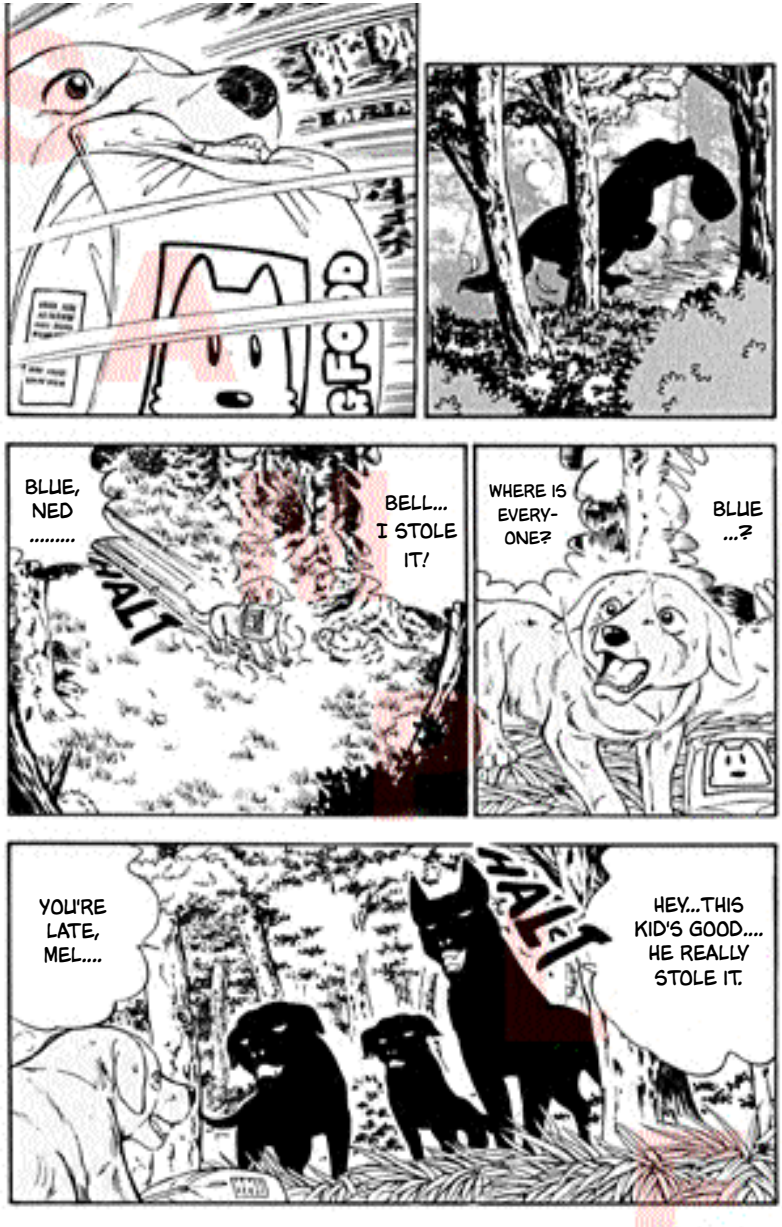
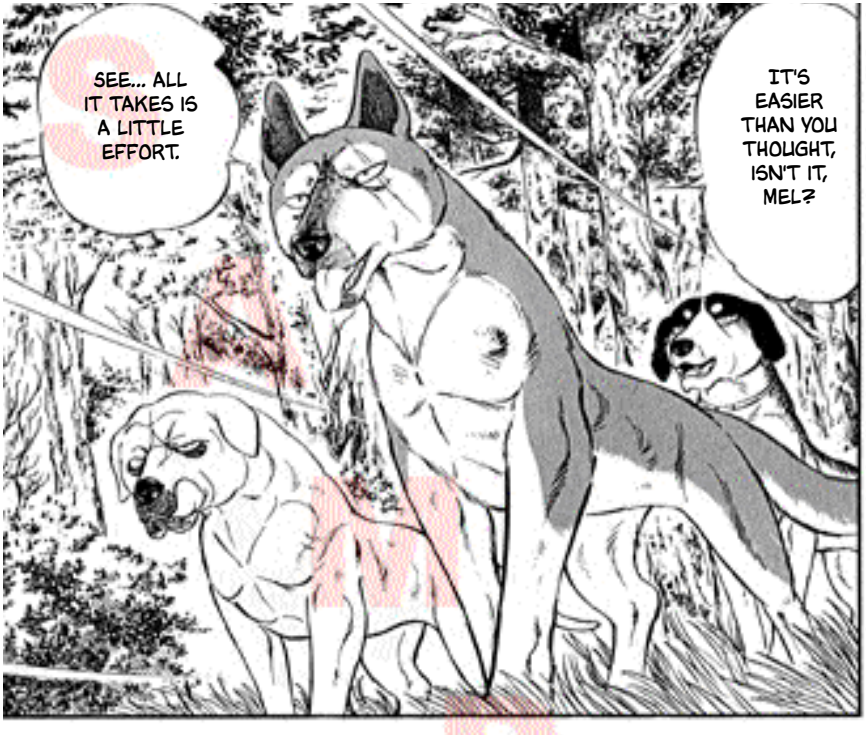
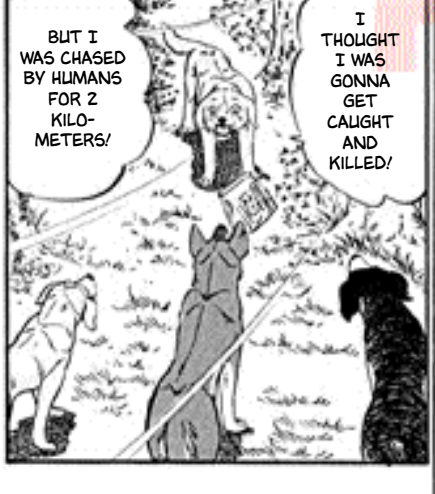

THAT DOG LEFT HER OWNER AND RISKED HER LIFE TO COME HERE LOOKING FOR HER SON.
I CAN'T BE AS HEARTLESS AS YOU.
CUT OUT THE BIG TALK.
I DIDN'T HEAR ANY SOUND ADVICE COMING FROM YOU.
WHY NOT TELL HER THE TRUTH?
WHY, SO THEY CAN DIE? HA...
YOU JUST DON"T GET IT.
YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO GREW UP INSIDE THE FENCE.
I UNDERSTAND A CHILD'S NEED FOR HIS MOTHER.
MEL'S GOING TO NEED HIS MOTHER'S LOVE IF HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT...

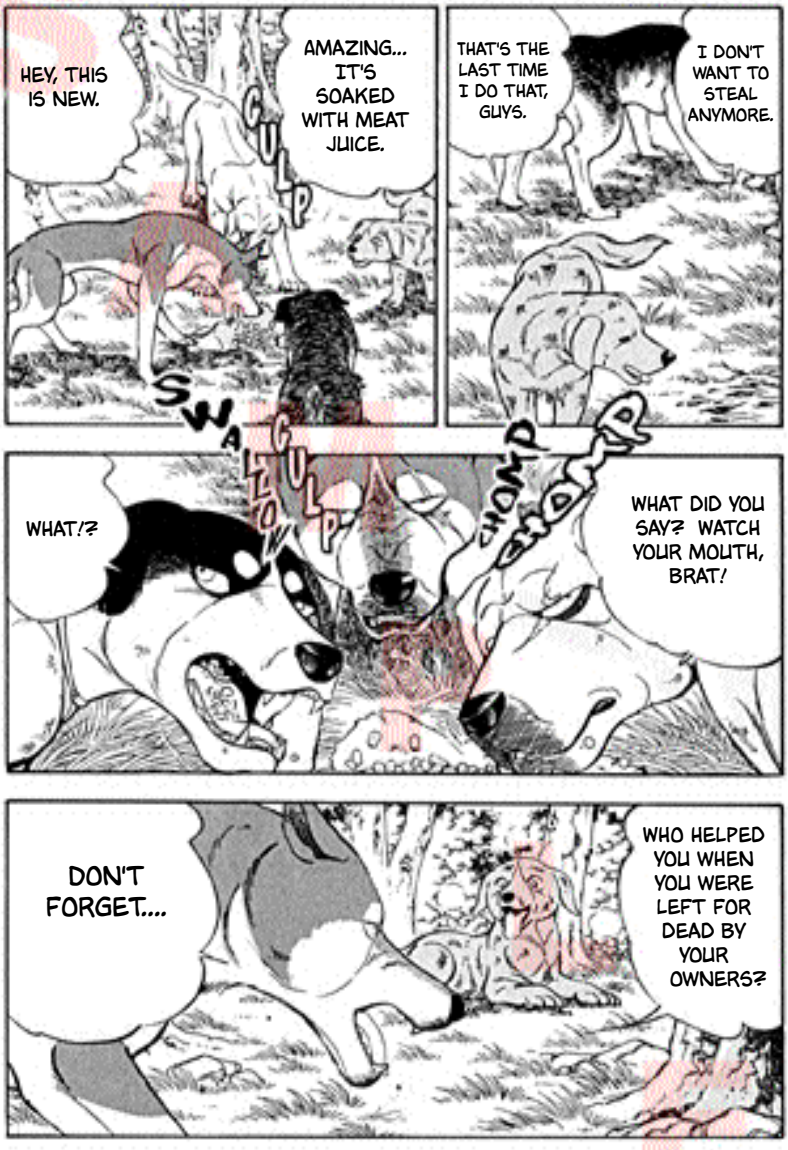
DASH
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


GFOOD
BLUE, NED .....
HALT
BELL... I STOLE IT!
WHERE IS EVERY-ONE?
BLUE ...?
YOU'RE LATE, MEL....
HALT
HEY...THIS KID'S GOOD.... HE REALLY STOLE IT.

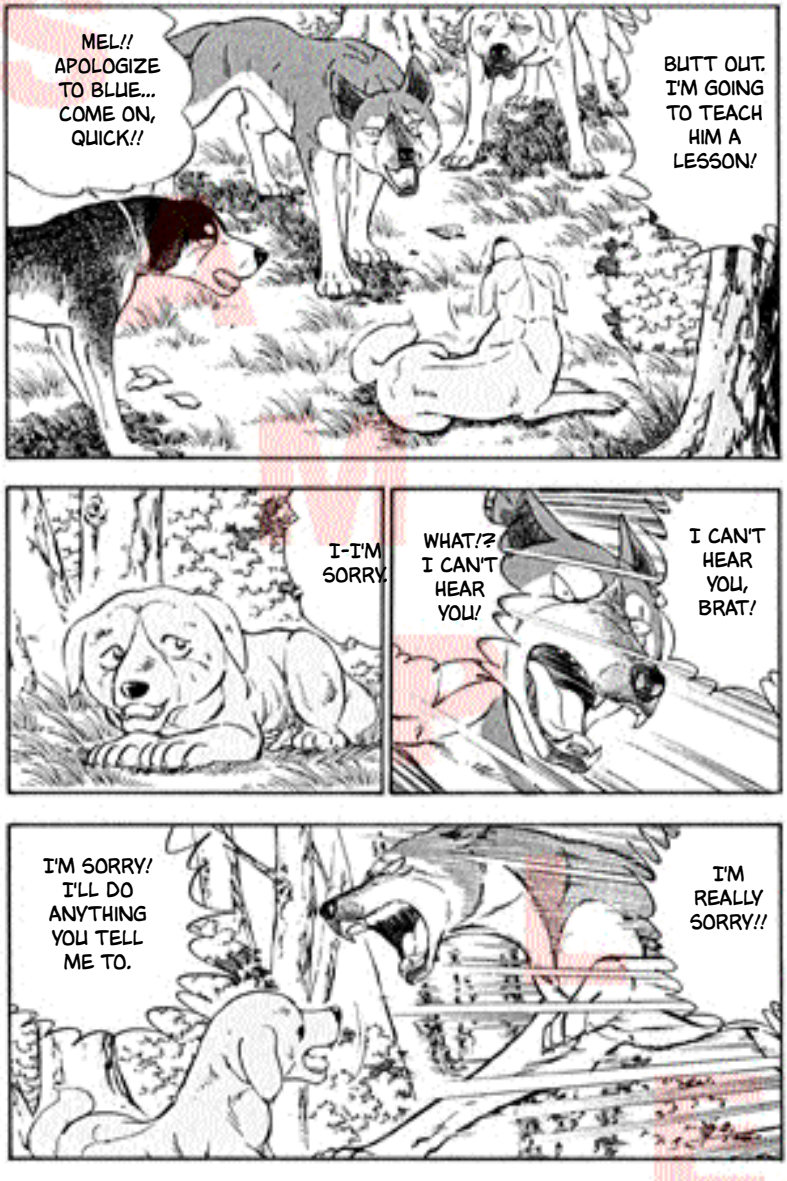

SEE... ALL IT TAKES IS A LITTLE EFFORT.
IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THOUGHT, ISN'T IT, MEL?

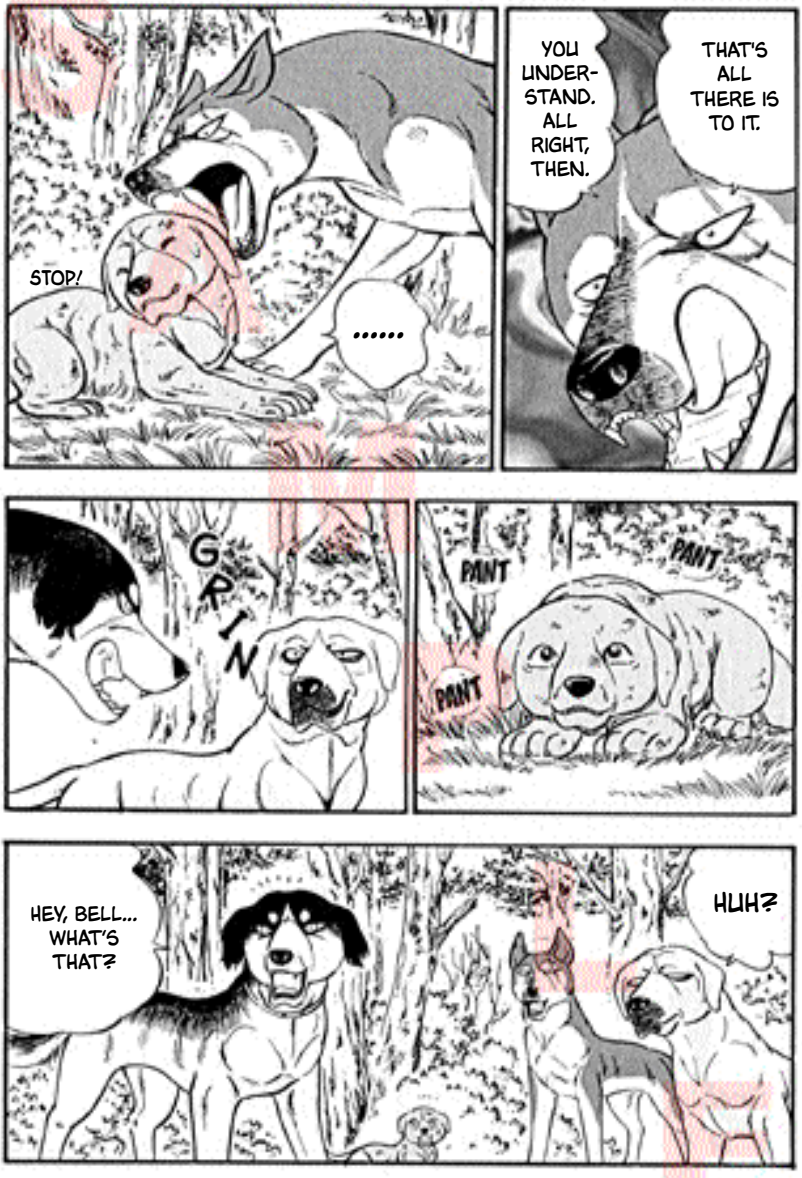

BUT I WAS CHASED BY HUMANS FOR 2 KILO-METERS!
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA GET CAUGHT AND KILLED!

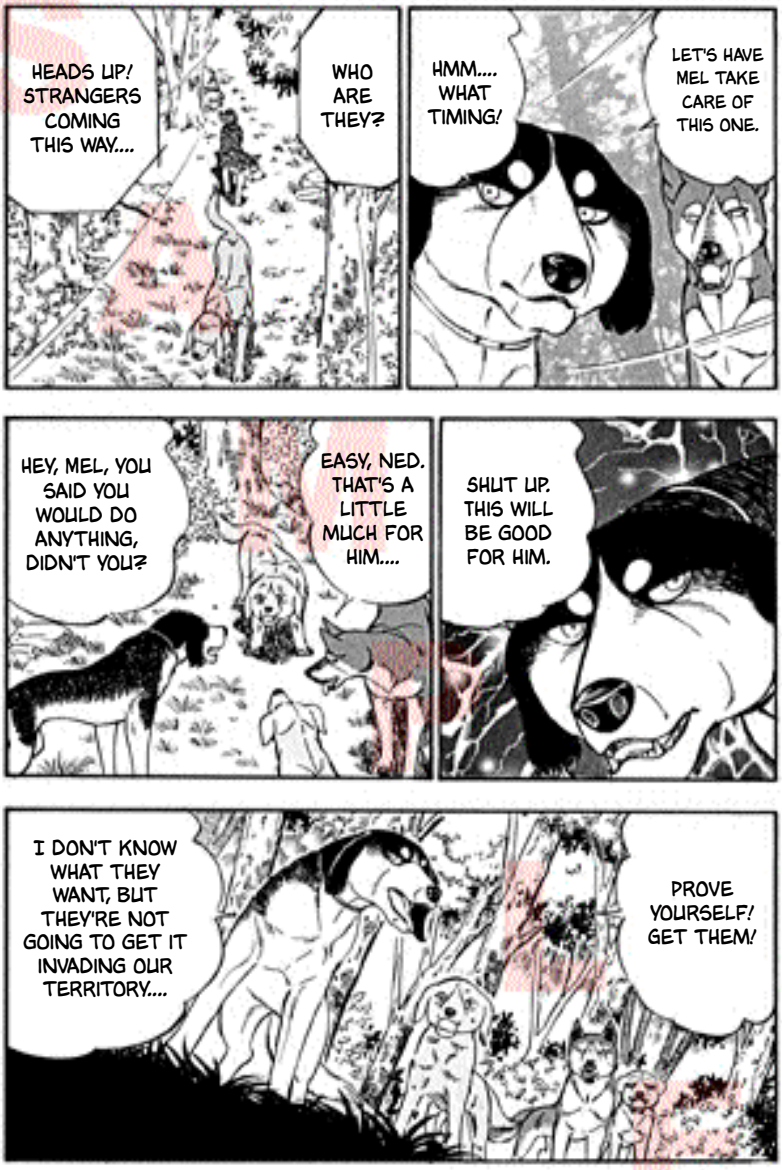
YET, YOU LOST THEM ANYWAY. WELL DONE.
WE'LL CALL YOU TOMOR-ROW.


HEY, THIS IS NEW.
AMAZING... IT'S SOAKED WITH MEAT JUICE.
GULP
THAT'S THE LAST TIME I DO THAT, GUYS.
I DON'T WANT TO STEAL ANYMORE.
SWALLOW
GULP
CHOMP
CHOMP
WHAT!?
WHAT DID YOU SAY? WATCH YOUR MOUTH, BRAT!
DON'T FORGET....
WHO HELPED YOU WHEN YOU WERE LEFT FOR DEAD BY YOUR OWNERS?

YOU BRAT!
CHOMP
YEE!
BEING RAISED BY HUMANS DOESN'T MAKE YOU BETTER...
WHACK
REMEMBER THAT, WHELP!!
BLUE, STOP IT.
MEL'S ALREADY TAKEN HIS LICKS....
THUD
YELP!
YELP!
YIPE!


MEL!! APOLOGIZE TO BLUE... COME ON, QUICK!!
BUTT OUT. I'M GOING TO TEACH HIM A LESSON!
I-I'M SORRY.
WHAT!? I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
I CAN'T HEAR YOU, BRAT!
I'M SORRY! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU TELL ME TO.
I'M REALLY SORRY!!


STOP!
.....
YOU UNDER-STAND. ALL RIGHT, THEN.
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.
GRIN
PANT
PANT
PANT
HEY, BELL... WHAT'S THAT?
HUH?

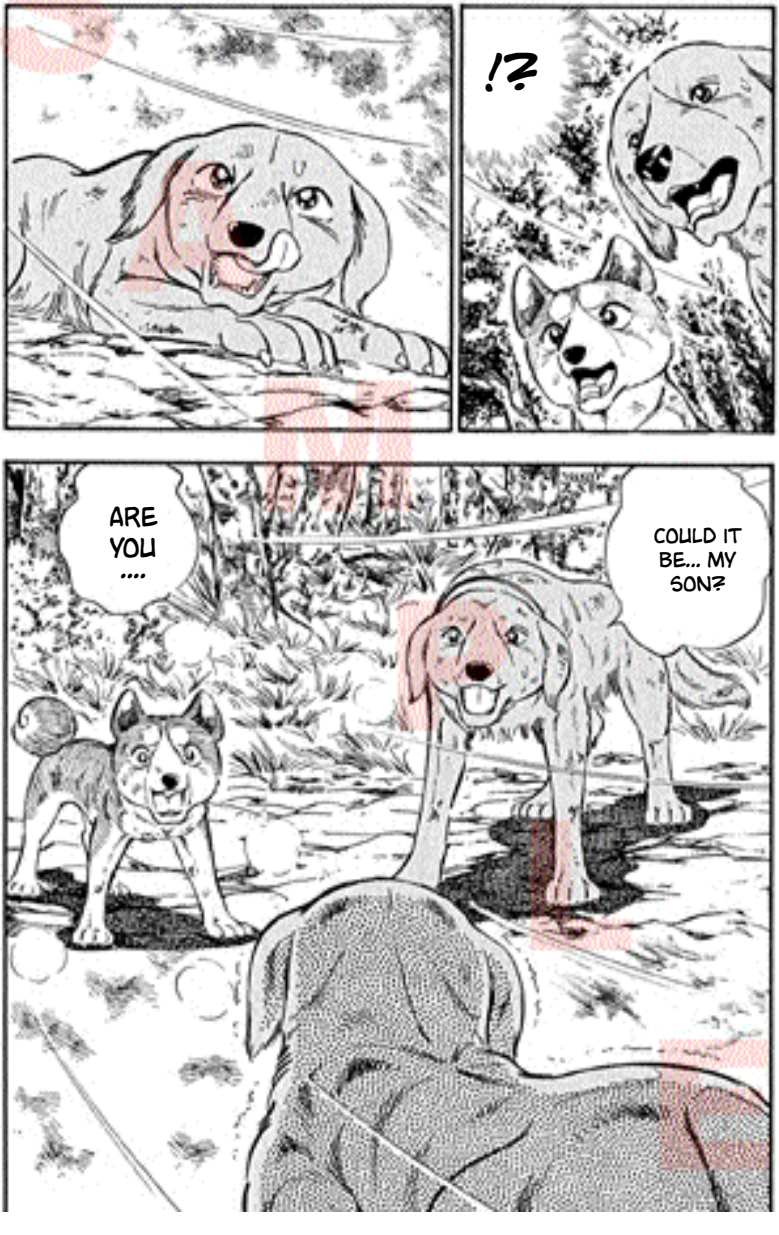

HEADS UP! STRANGERS COMING THIS WAY....
WHO ARE THEY?
HMM.... WHAT TIMING!
LET'S HAVE MEL TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE.
HEY, MEL, YOU SAID YOU WOULD DO ANYTHING, DIDN'T YOU?
EASY, NED. THAT'S A LITTLE MUCH FOR HIM....
SHUT UP. THIS WILL BE GOOD FOR HIM.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANT, BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GET IT INVADING OUR TERRITORY....
PROVE YOURSELF! GET THEM!

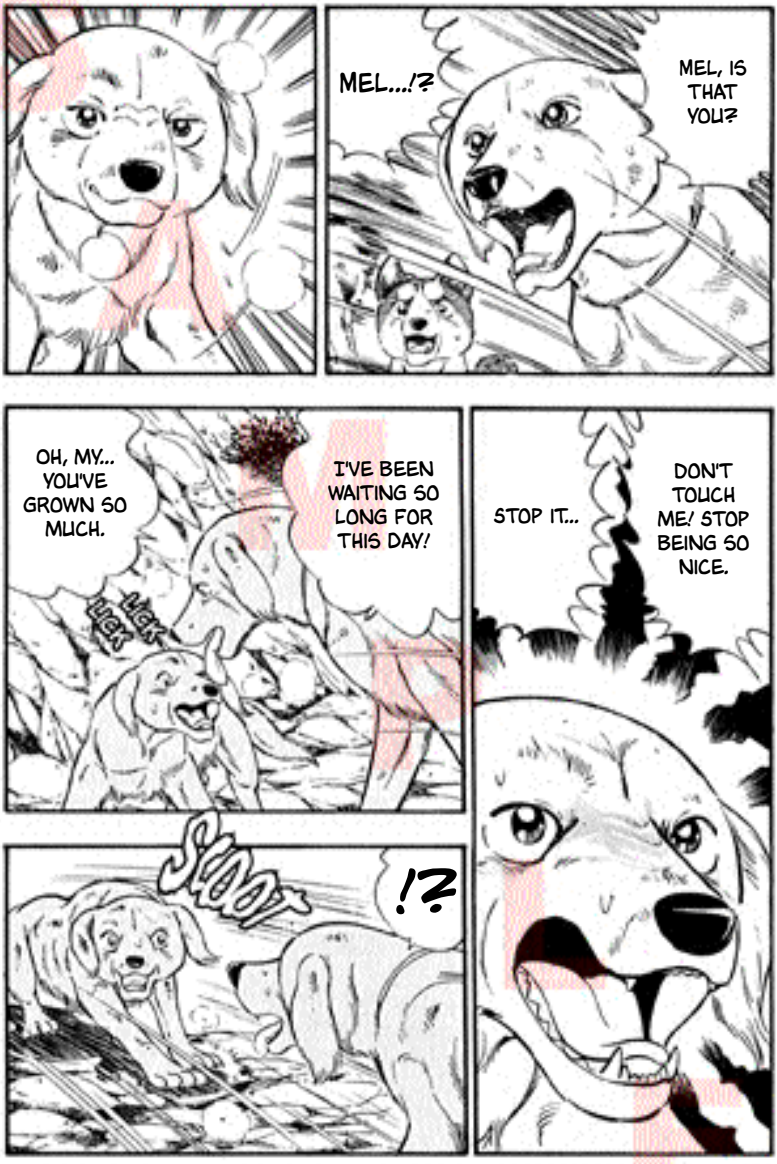
WHA..!? IS THAT MY MOM!?
HOLY COW! WHY IS MY MOM HERE?

THE 7TH STORY --
MEL'S REBELLION

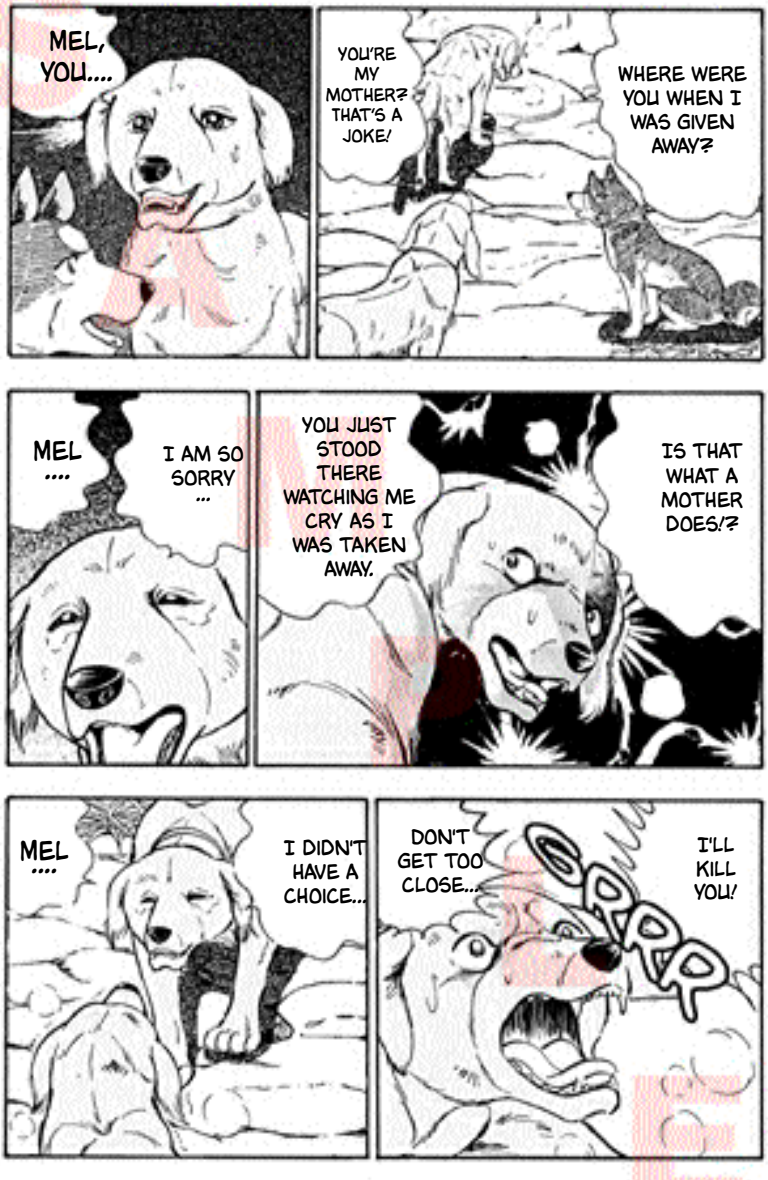
I DON'T BELIEVE... IT'S REALLY MY MOTHER.
PANT
PANT
WHAT'S THE HOLD UP? YOU SCARED?
DON'T WORRY, WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU....
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GET THEM!
WHACK
OW!

ROLL
ROLL
SLIDE
BILLOW
BILLOW
BILLOW

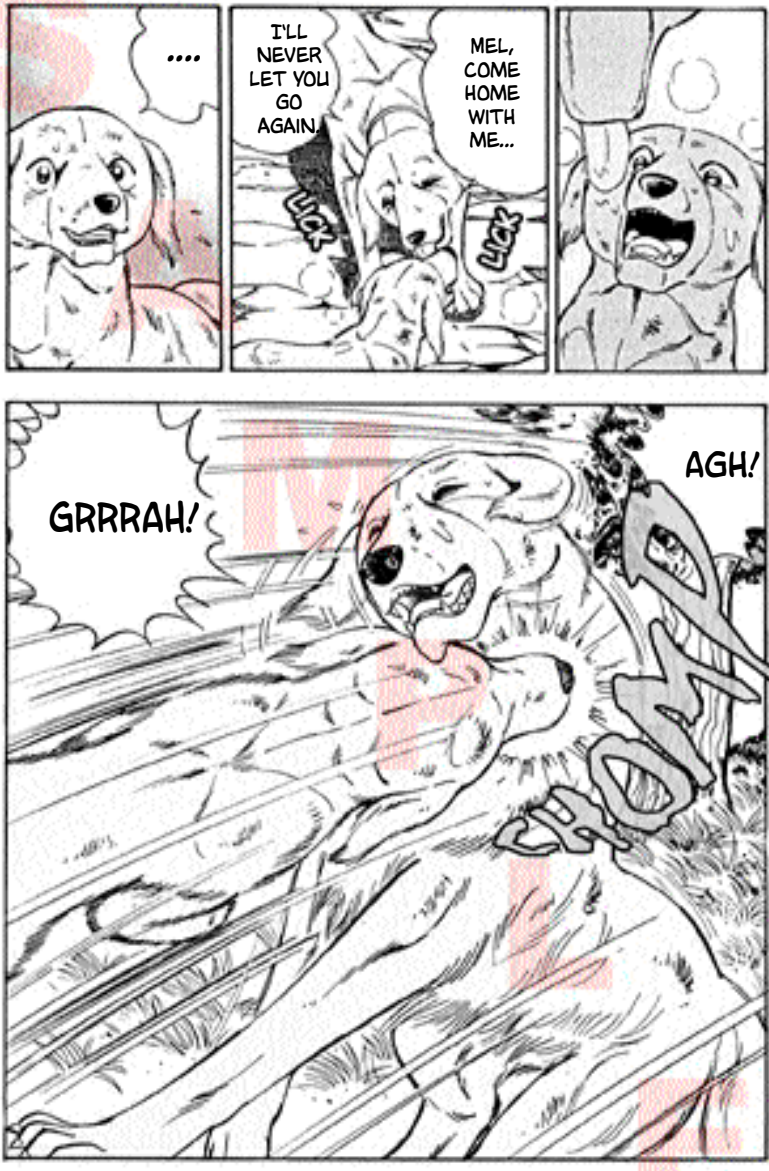

!?
ARE YOU ....
COULD IT BE... MY SON?


MEL...!?
MEL, IS THAT YOU?
OH, MY... YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH.
I'VE BEEN WAITING SO LONG FOR THIS DAY!
LICK LICK
STOP IT...
DON'T TOUCH ME! STOP BEING SO NICE.
SLOOT
!?

MEL?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ME!? I'M YOUR MOTHER!
I-- I DON'T HAVE A MOTHER!
GET OUT OF HERE. THIS IS MY TURF.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
LENNY LEFT HER HOME TO SEE YOU....
GAPE
.....
SO WHAT!?
YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE MY MOTHER!!

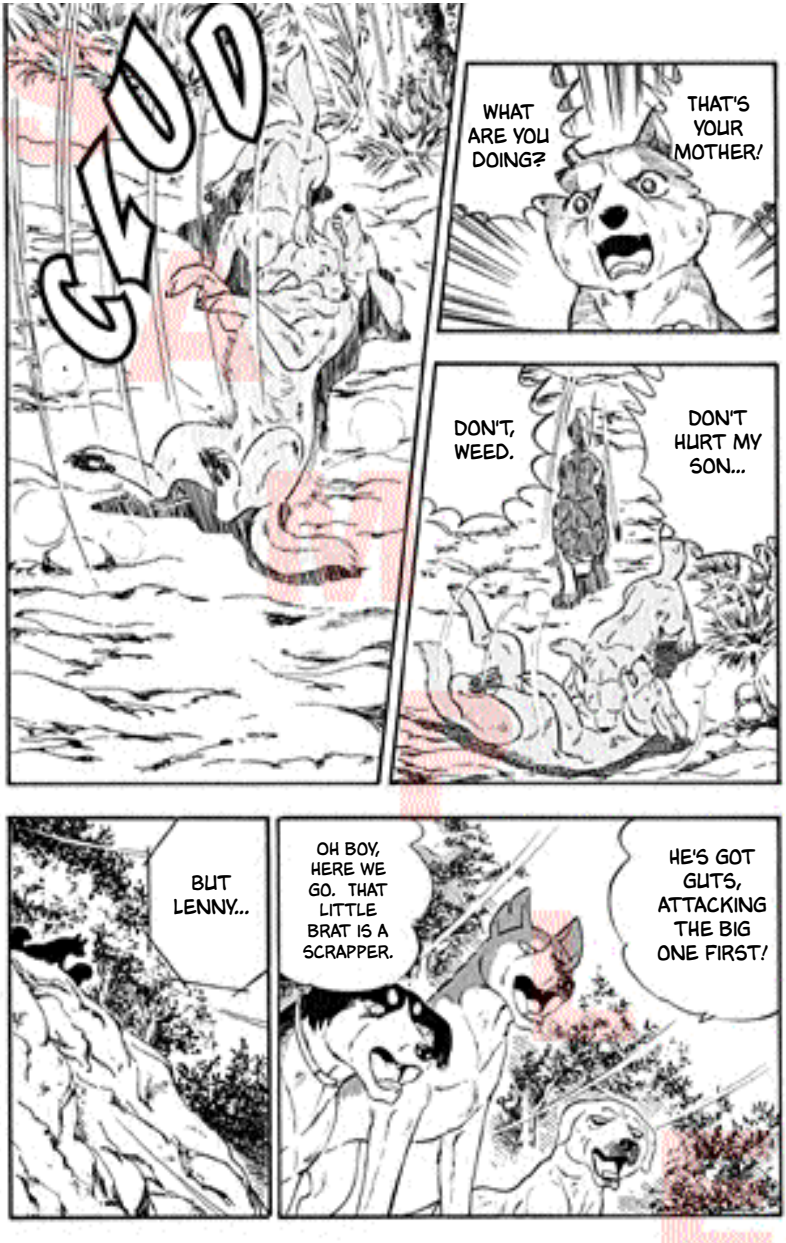

MEL, YOU....
YOU'RE MY MOTHER? THAT'S A JOKE!
WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I WAS GIVEN AWAY?
MEL ....
I AM SO SORRY ...
YOU JUST STOOD THERE WATCHING ME CRY AS I WAS TAKEN AWAY.
IS THAT WHAT A MOTHER DOES!?
MEL ....
I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE...
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE...
I'LL KILL YOU!
GRRR

I'LL KILL YOU!
LOOK BEHIND YOU!
I HAVE SOME FRIENDS.
IF I WANT, I CAN BEAT YOU, JUST LIKE THAT.
IF YOU KEEP GRUMBLING, WE WON'T LET YOU OUT OF HERE ALIVE.
I MADE UP MY MIND WHEN I LEFT MY HOME.
I RISKED MY LIFE TO FIND YOU, MEL....


....
I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO AGAIN.
LICK
MEL, COME HOME WITH ME...
LICK
GRRRAH!
AGH!
CHOMP

WHAP
....
AFTER ALL THIS TIME, WHY?
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT!!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, MEL...
FORGIVE ME...
GRRRR!
!?

HSOD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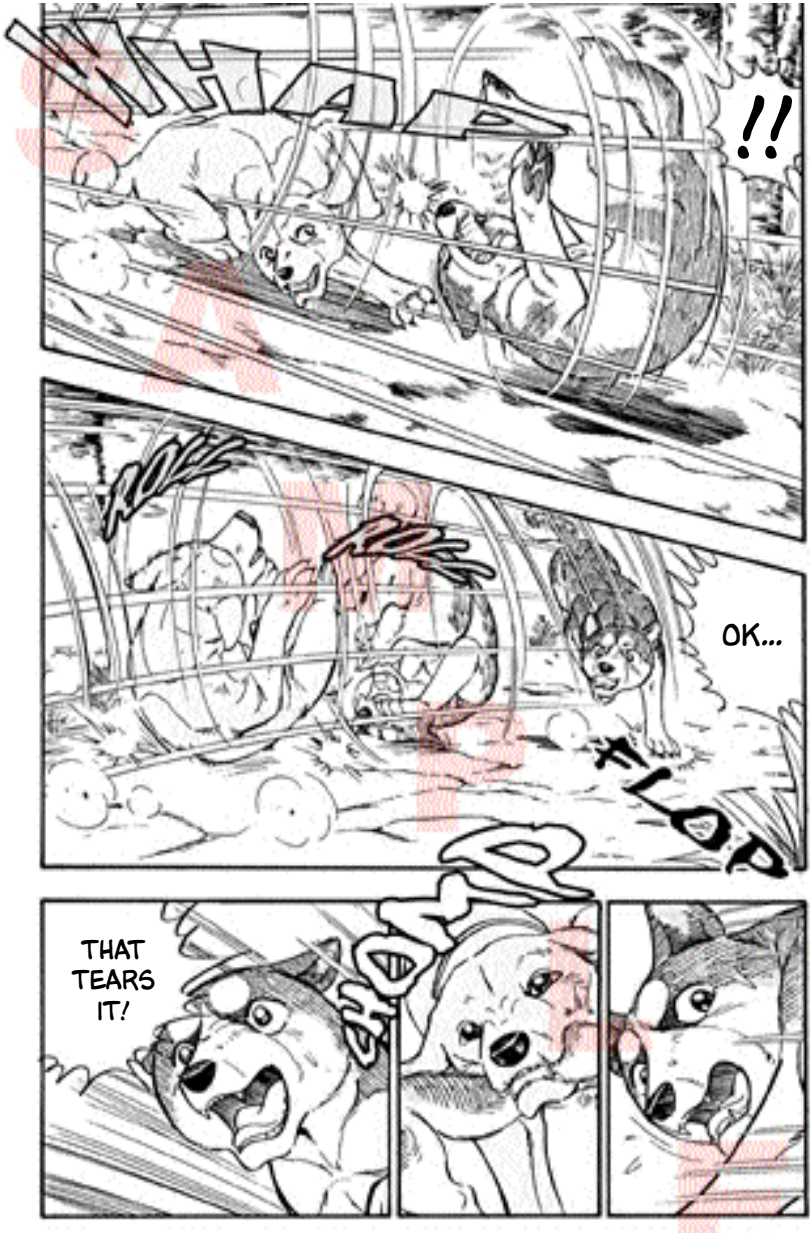
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THAT'S YOUR MOTHER!
DON'T, WEED.
DON'T HURT MY SON...
BUT LENNY...
OH BOY, HERE WE GO. THAT LITTLE BRAT IS A SCRAPPER.
HE'S GOT GUTS, ATTACKING THE BIG ONE FIRST!

STOP IT! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!
YOUR MOTHER IS SICK! CAN'T YOU SEE...
IT'S ALRIGHT, WEED...
LET HIM DO AS HE WANTS.
BUT, LENNY...
GRRR
GRRR!
WOOOH!
SNAP !!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OK...
FLOP
THAT TEARS IT!
CHOMP

WEED, IT'S ALRIGHT, REALLY!
LENNY ...
MY SON'S DOING OK.
I'M HAPPY JUST TO FIND THAT OUT...
.....
LET'S GO...
GOOD BYE, MEL....
KEEP YOUR CHIN UP, AND LIVE EVERY DAY TO THE FULLEST.
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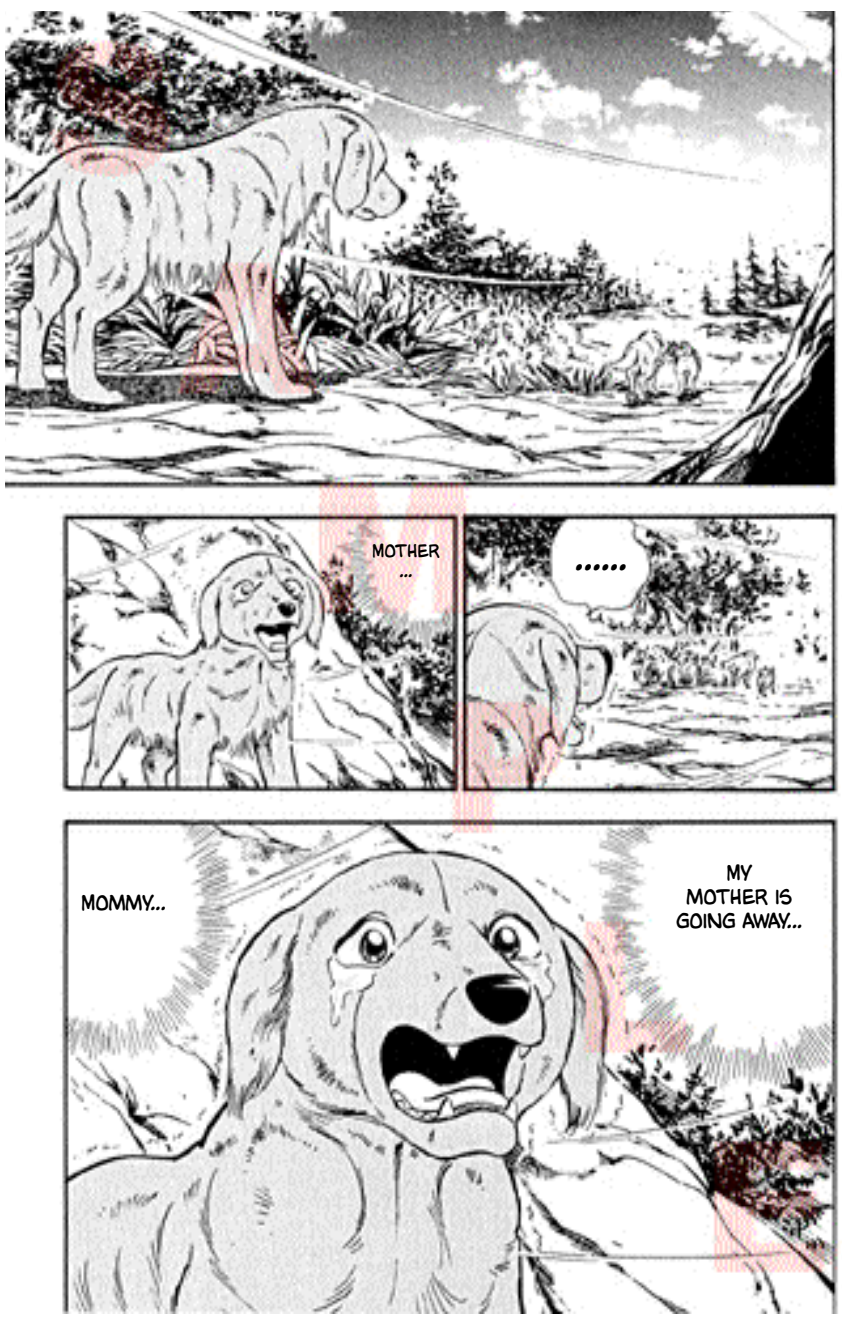
MOTHER
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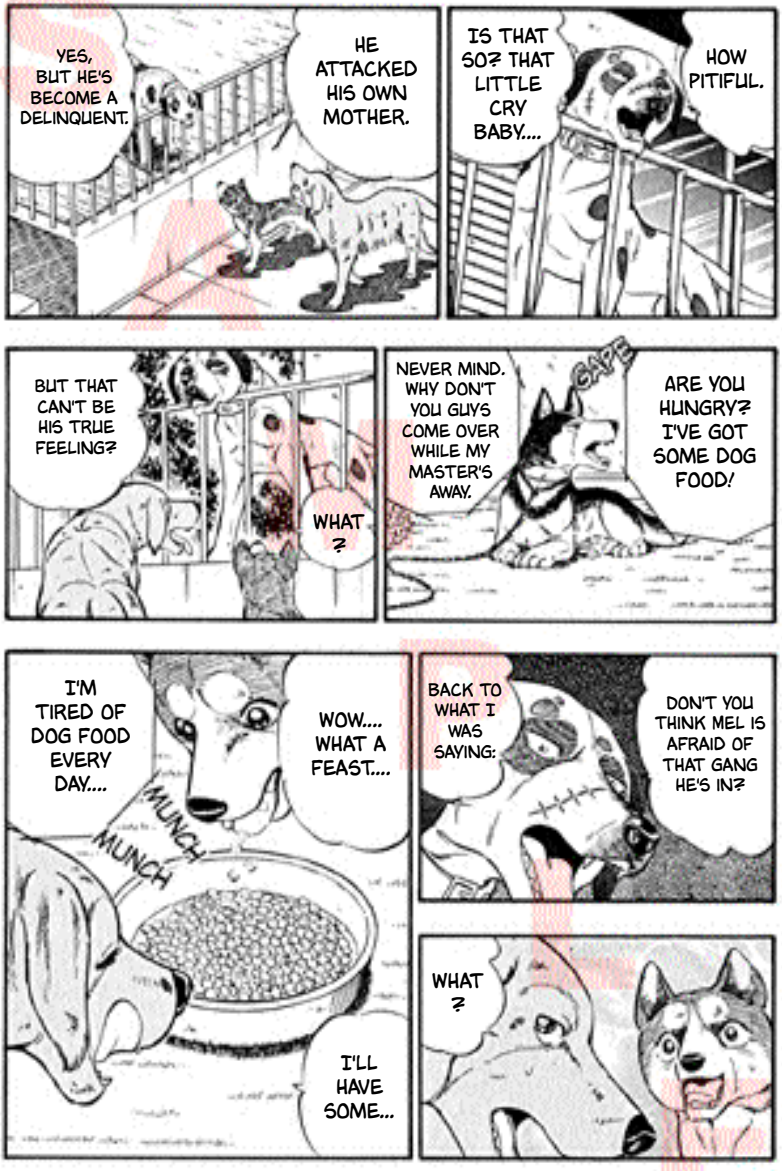
.....
MOMMY...
MY
MOTHER IS
GOING AWAY...

GLAD YOU GUYS ARE STILL ALIVE...
WERE YOU ABLE TO MEET MEL?


YES, BUT HE'S BECOME A DELINQUENT.
HE ATTACKED HIS OWN MOTHER.
IS THAT SO? THAT LITTLE CRY BABY....
HOW PITIFUL.
BUT THAT CAN'T BE HIS TRUE FEELING?
WHAT?
NEVER MIND. WHY DON'T YOU GUYS COME OVER WHILE MY MASTER'S AWAY.
GAPE
ARE YOU HUNGRY? I'VE GOT SOME DOG FOOD!
I'M TIRED OF DOG FOOD EVERY DAY....
WOW.... WHAT A FEAST....
MUNCH MUNCH
I'LL HAVE SOME...
BACK TO WHAT I WAS SAYING:
DON'T YOU THINK MEL IS AFRAID OF THAT GANG HE'S IN?
WHAT?

.....
THEY'VE LIVED ON THAT MOUNTAIN 5, 6 YEARS NOW....
THERE ARE 3 THUGS, BLUE, NED AND BELL...

MEL IS THEIR RUNNER.
HE'S SCARED. HE JUST CAN'T BREAK LOOSE...
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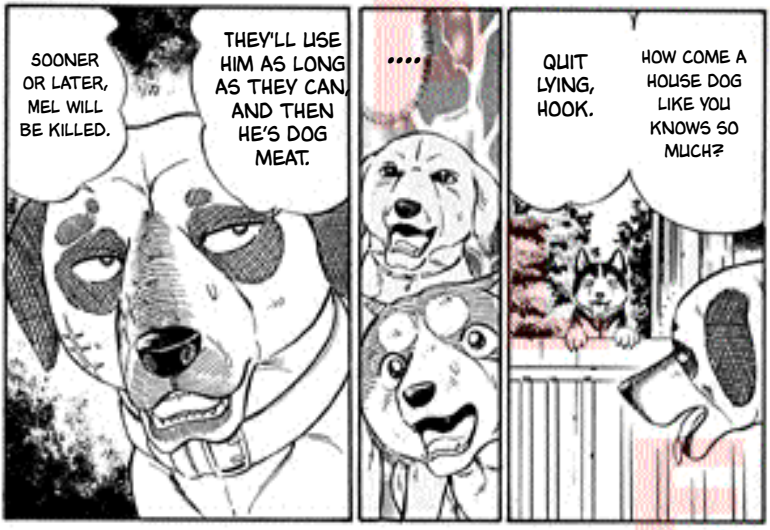
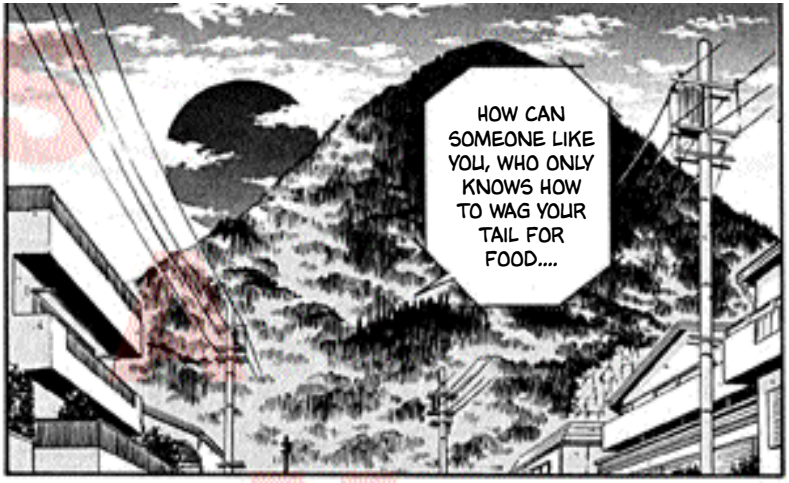
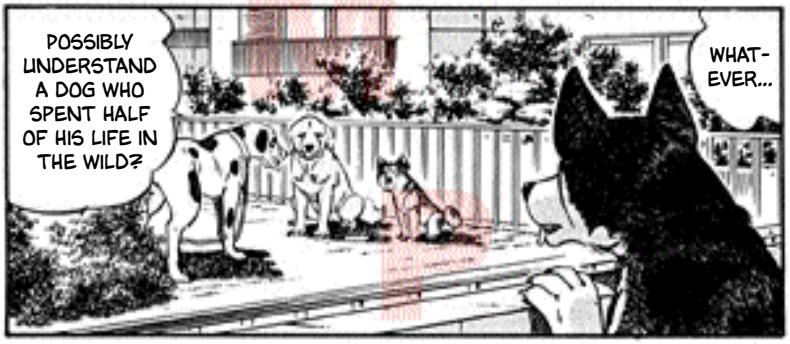

SOONER OR LATER, MEL WILL BE KILLED.
THEY'LL USE HIM AS LONG AS THEY CAN, AND THEN HE'S DOG MEAT.
....
QUIT LYING, HOOK.
HOW COME A HOUSE DOG LIKE YOU KNOWS SO MUCH?

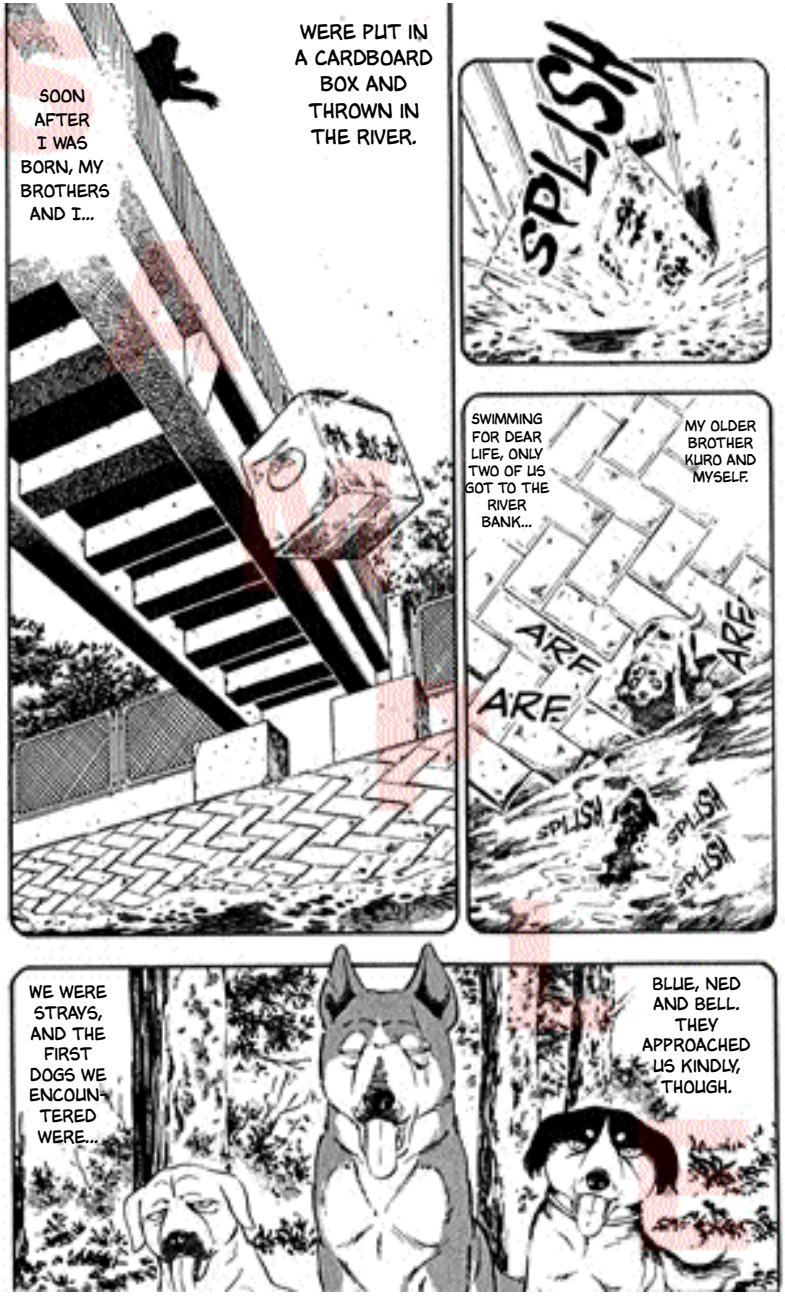
FIRST OF ALL... I'M NOT A HOUSE DOG BY NATURE.
AS A MATTER OF FACT, THEY OWE ME ONE.

THE 8TH STORY --
THE BROTHER'S REVENGE


HOW CAN SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO ONLY KNOWS HOW TO WAG YOUR TAIL FOR FOOD....


POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND A DOG WHO SPENT HALF OF HIS LIFE IN THE WILD?
WHAT-EVER...

HOOK, YOU WERE A STRAY, FIRST....
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND TO US...
WELL, NOT EXACTLY... LIKE I SAID...
I HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THOSE MOUNTAIN PUNKS!


SOON AFTER I WAS BORN, MY BROTHERS AND I...
WERE PUT IN A CARDBOARD BOX AND THROWN IN THE RIVER.
SPLISH
SWIMMING FOR DEAR LIFE, ONLY TWO OF US GOT TO THE RIVER BANK...
MY OLDER BROTHER KURO AND MYSELF.
ARF
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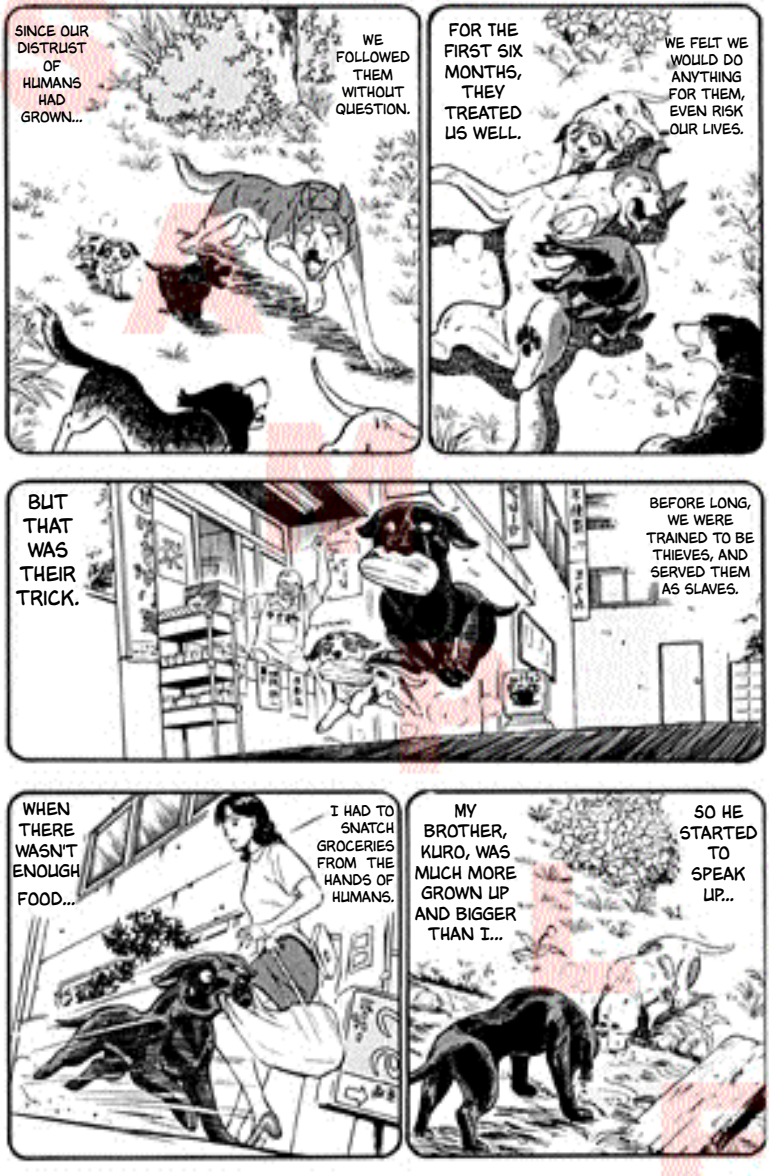
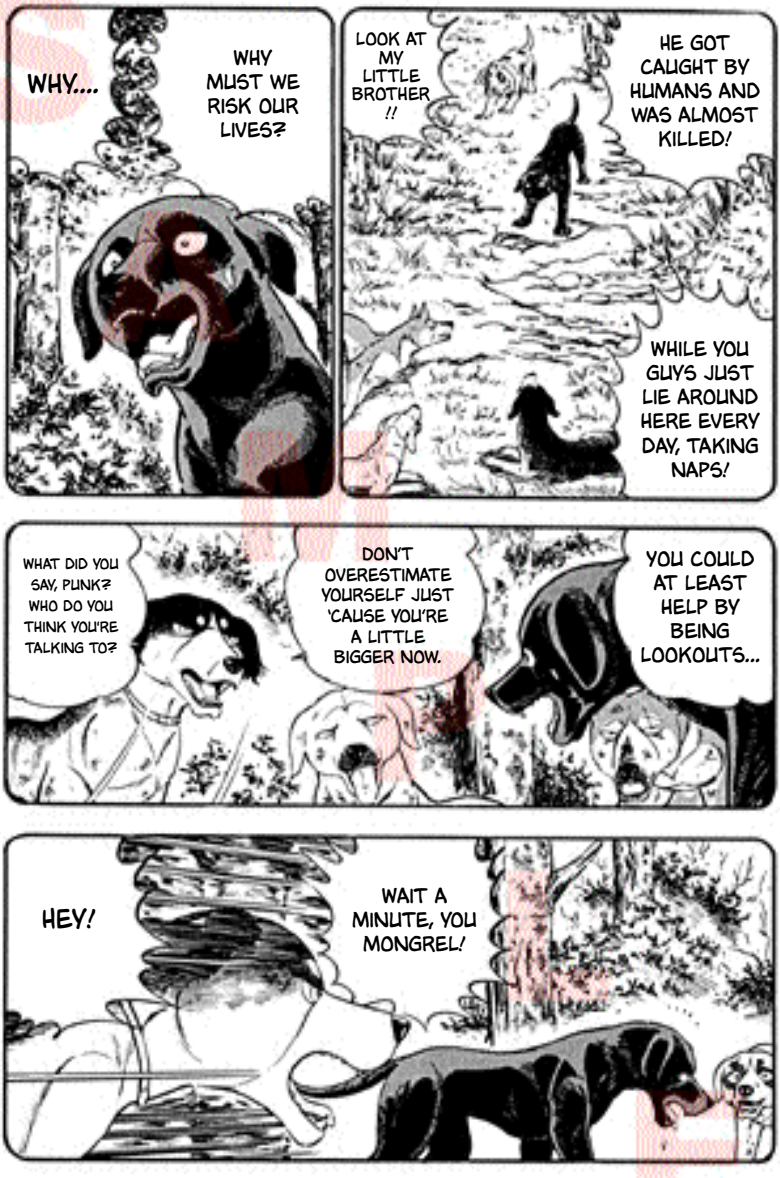
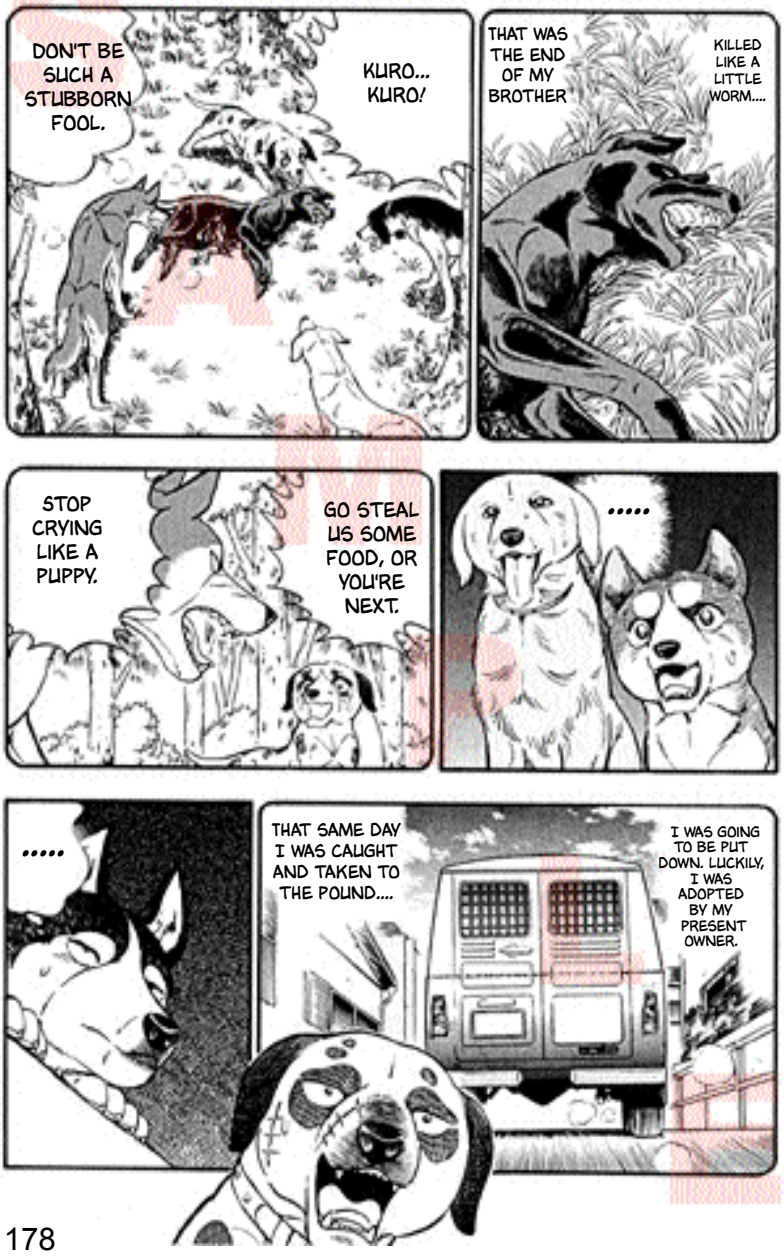
WE WERE STRAYS, AND THE FIRST DOGS WE ENCOUNTERED WERE...
BLUE, NED AND BELL. THEY APPROACHED US KINDLY, THOUGH.


SINCE OUR DISTRUST OF HUMANS HAD GROWN...
WE FOLLOWED THEM WITHOUT QUESTION.
FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS, THEY TREATED US WELL.
WE FELT WE WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR THEM, EVEN RISK OUR LIVES.
BUT THAT WAS THEIR TRICK.
BEFORE LONG, WE WERE TRAINED TO BE THIEVES, AND SERVED THEM AS SLAVES.
WHEN THERE WASN'T ENOUGH FOOD...
I HAD TO SNATCH GROCERIES FROM THE HANDS OF HUMANS.
MY BROTHER, KURO, WAS MUCH MORE GROWN UP AND BIGGER THAN I...
SO HE STARTED TO SPEAK UP...


WHY....
WHY MUST WE RISK OUR LIVES?
LOOK AT MY LITTLE BROTHER !!
HE GOT CAUGHT BY HUMANS AND WAS ALMOST KILLED!
WHILE YOU GUYS JUST LIE AROUND HERE EVERY DAY, TAKING NAPS!
WHAT DID YOU SAY, PUNK? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?
DON'T OVERESTIMATE YOURSELF JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE A LITTLE BIGGER NOW.
YOU COULD AT LEAST HELP BY BEING LOOKOUTS...
HEY!
WAIT A MINUTE, YOU MONGREL!

YOU'D BETTER WATCH YOUR MOUTH!
THWAP
WE'RE OUTTA HERE...
WE ARE NOT YOUR SLAVES.
!?
SHUT UP, YOU LITTLE BRAT...
I'VE HAD ENOUGH...
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY, I'M LEAVING.
ARE YOU STILL TALKING BACK?
FINE! I'LL KILL YOU!
KURO...

KURO, YOU'D BETTER APOLOGIZE NOW...
.....
BEFORE YOUR GUTS COME OUT OF YOUR BODY...
CHOMP
DO WHAT YOU WILL....
YOU SAID IT!!
STOP IT!
PLEASE DON'T KILL MY BROTHER ....!!
HOOK, RUN!!
PANT
PANT
PANT
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.. URGHH...


DON'T BE SUCH A STUBBORN FOOL.
KURO... KURO!
THAT WAS THE END OF MY BROTHER
KILLED LIKE A LITTLE WORM....
STOP CRYING LIKE A PUPPY.
GO STEAL US SOME FOOD, OR YOU'RE NEXT.
.....
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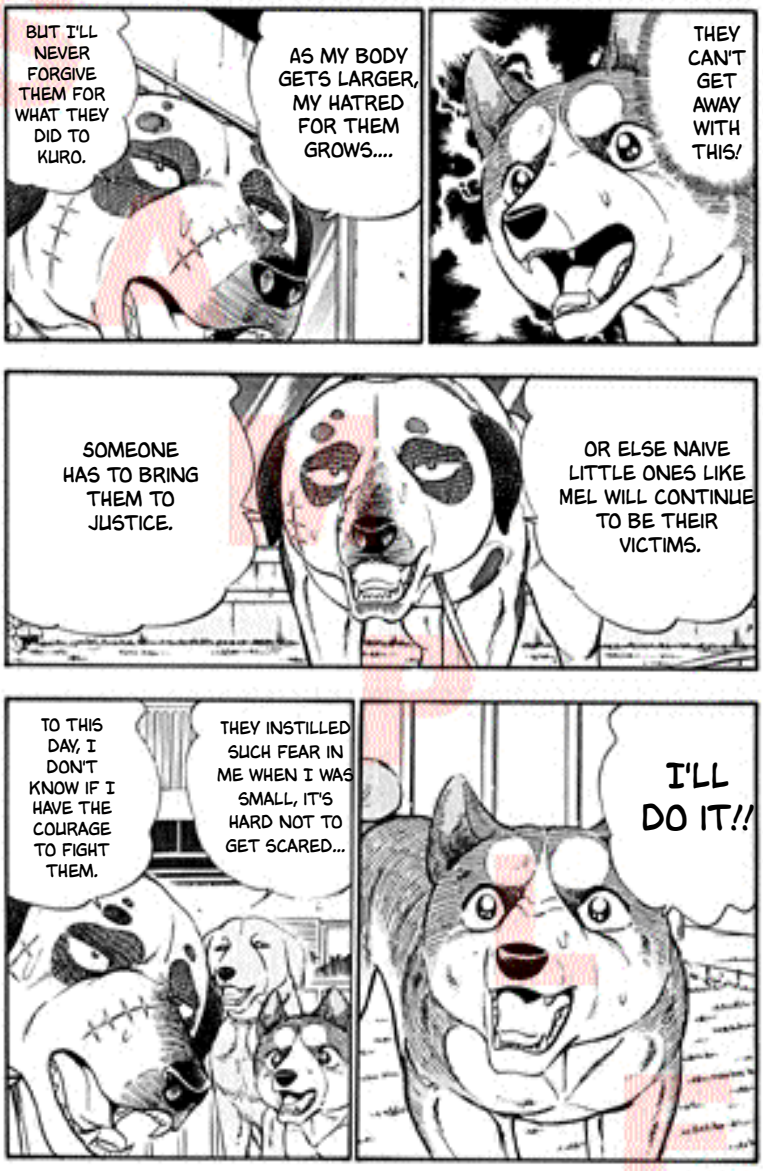
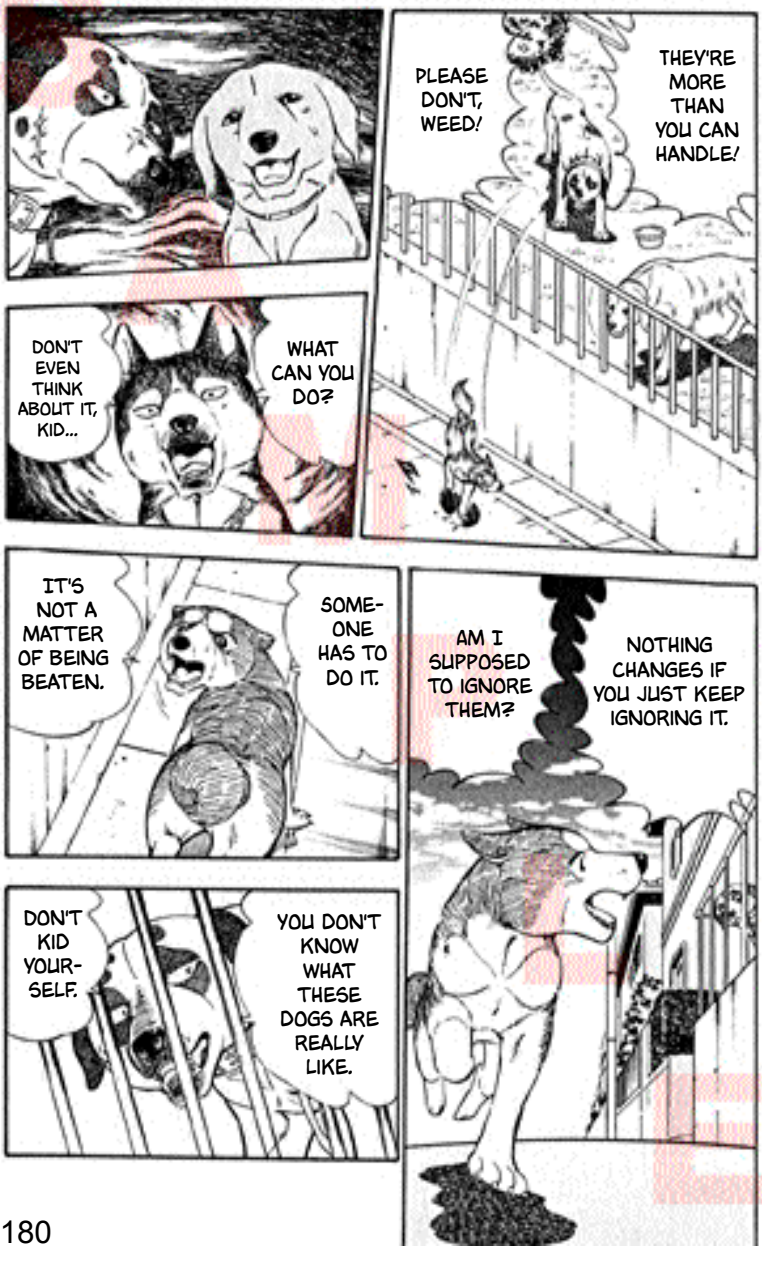
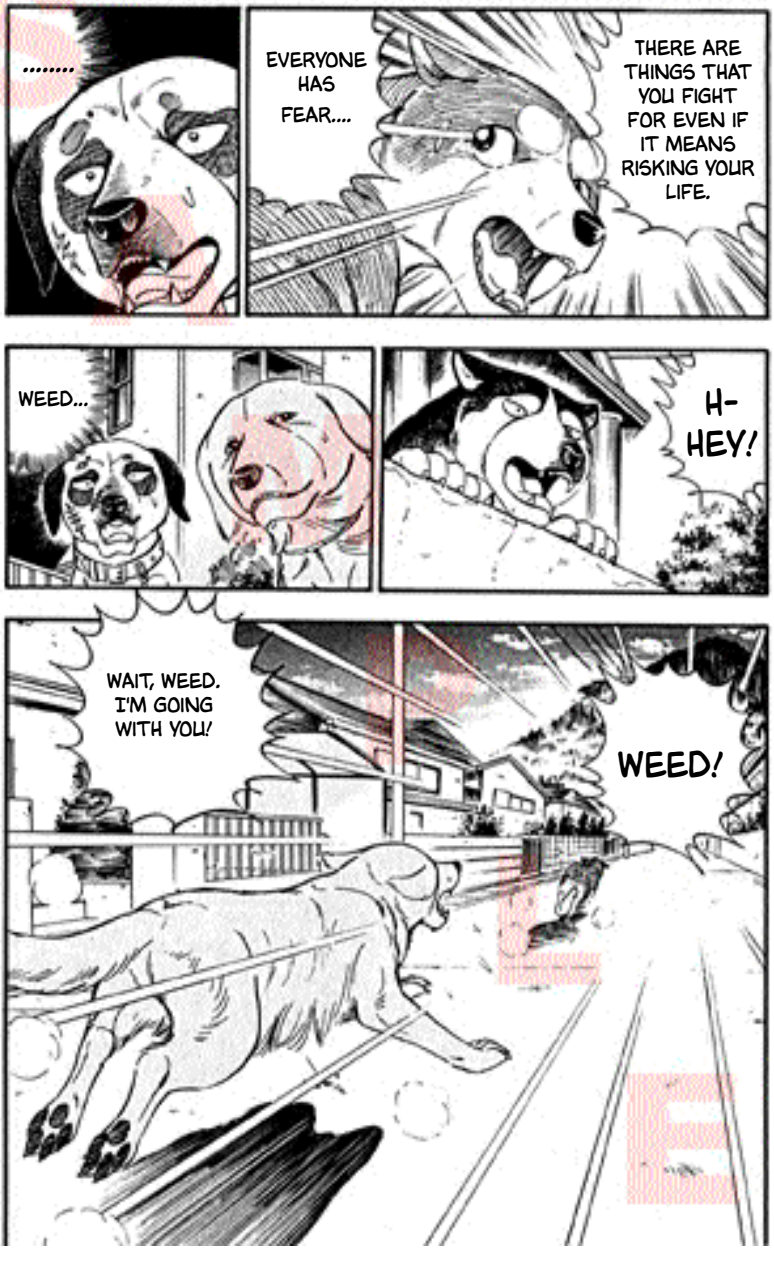
THAT SAME DAY I WAS CAUGHT AND TAKEN TO THE POUND....
I WAS GOING TO BE PUT DOWN. LUCKILY, I WAS ADOPTED BY MY PRESENT OWNER.


BUT I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THEM FOR WHAT THEY DID TO KURO.
AS MY BODY GETS LARGER, MY HATRED FOR THEM GROWS....
THEY CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
SOMEONE HAS TO BRING THEM TO JUSTICE.
OR ELSE NAIVE LITTLE ONES LIKE MEL WILL CONTINUE TO BE THEIR VICTIMS.
TO THIS DAY, I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THE COURAGE TO FIGHT THEM.
THEY INSTILLED SUCH FEAR IN ME WHEN I WAS SMALL, IT'S HARD NOT TO GET SCARED...
I'LL DO IT!!


PLEASE DON'T, WEED!
THEY'RE MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE!
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT, KID...
WHAT CAN YOU DO?
IT'S NOT A MATTER OF BEING BEATEN.
SOME-ONE HAS TO DO IT.
AM I SUPPOSED TO IGNORE THEM?
NOTHING CHANGES IF YOU JUST KEEP IGNORING IT.
DON'T KID YOUR-SELF.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THESE DOGS ARE REALLY LIKE.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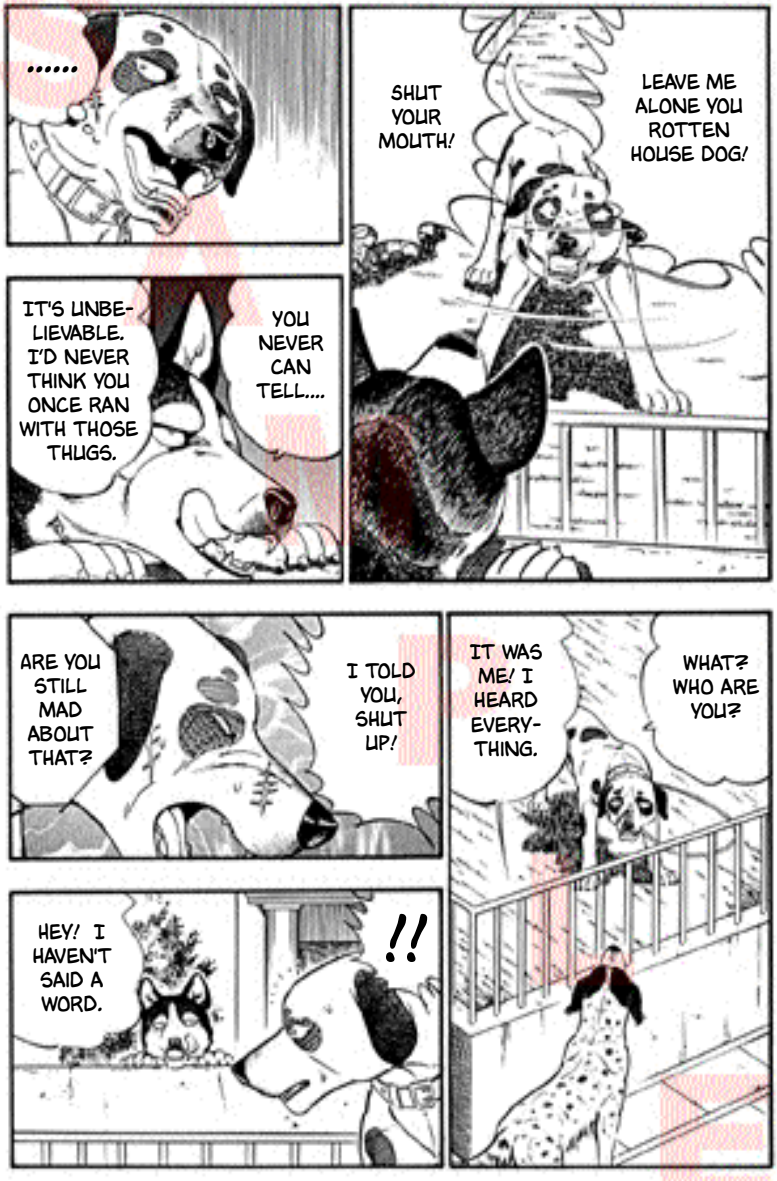
EVERYONE HAS FEAR....
THERE ARE THINGS THAT YOU FIGHT FOR EVEN IF IT MEANS RISKING YOUR LIFE.
WEED...
H-HEY!
WAIT, WEED. I'M GOING WITH YOU!
WEED!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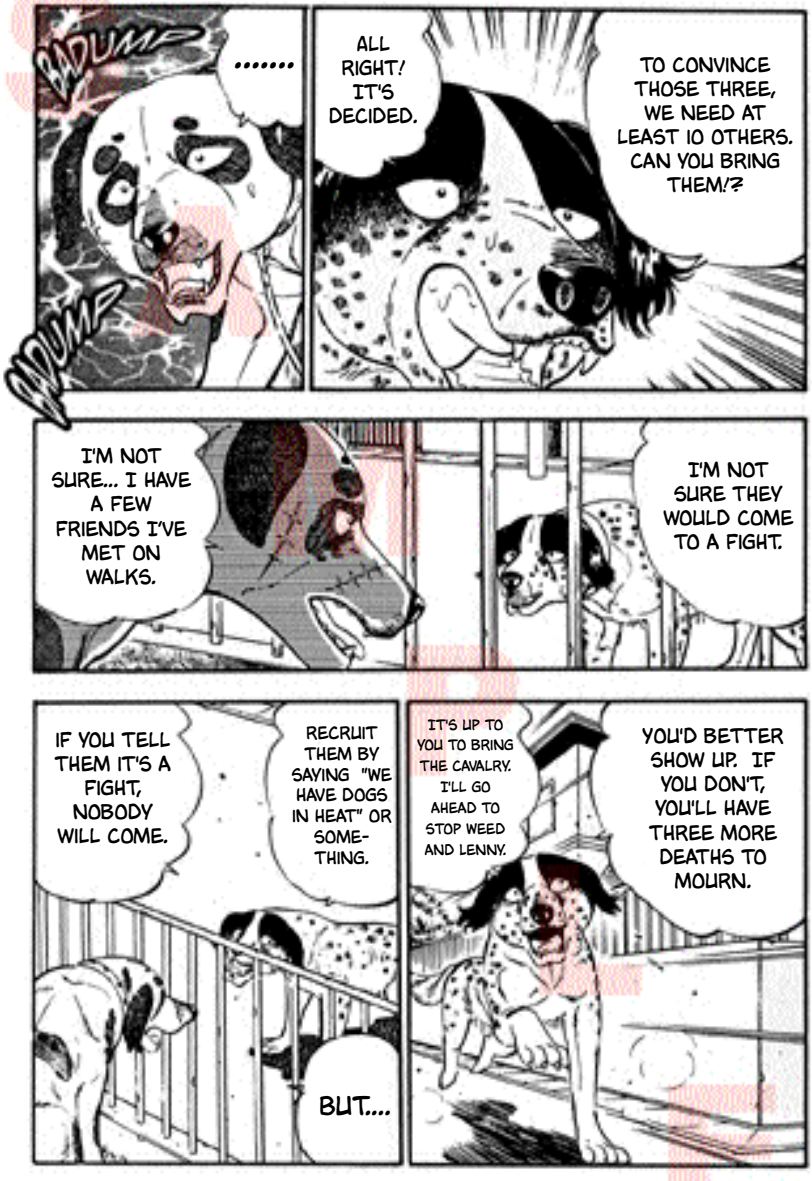
SHUT YOUR MOUTH!
LEAVE ME ALONE YOU ROTTEN HOUSE DOG!
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE. I'D NEVER THINK YOU ONCE RAN WITH THOSE THUGS.
YOU NEVER CAN TELL....
ARE YOU STILL MAD ABOUT THAT?
I TOLD YOU, SHUT UP!
IT WAS ME! I HEARD EVERYTHING.
WHAT? WHO ARE YOU?
HEY! I HAVEN'T SAID A WORD.
!!

I'M JUST PASSING BY... I'M GB.
YOU GUYS SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF.
YOU LET A SICK LADY AND A CHILD RISK THEIR LIVES TO FIGHT SOME PUNKS.
AND YOU'RE JUST STANDING BY.
.....
BUT, I'M CHAINED ...
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO, YOU CAN UNCHAIN YOUR-SELF.

STILL, WITH ONLY 3 OF US, IT DOESN'T LOOK PROMISING.
THERE MUST BE OTHER DOGS WHO CAN HELP.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I'M NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!
WHAT ARE YOU, A PUSSY-CAT?
GO JUMP IN THE LAKE!

WH...! ?
WHAT ....
HOOK, YOU'RE GOING, AREN'T YOU?
I MUST AVENGE MY BROTHER'S DEATH.


BADUMP
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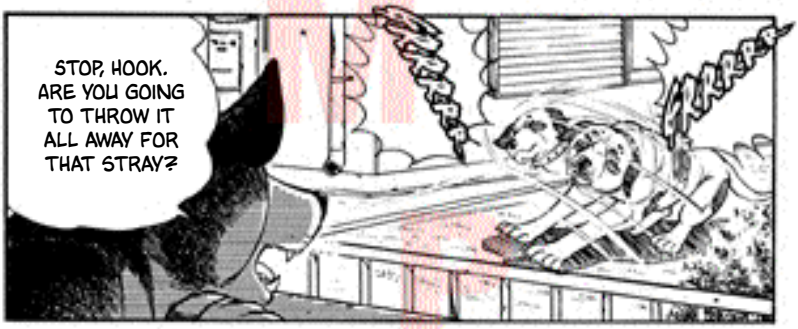
ALL RIGHT! IT'S DECIDED.
TO CONVINCE THOSE THREE, WE NEED AT LEAST 10 OTHERS. CAN YOU BRING THEM!?
BADUMP
I'M NOT SURE... I HAVE A FEW FRIENDS I'VE MET ON WALKS.
I'M NOT SURE THEY WOULD COME TO A FIGHT.
IF YOU TELL THEM IT'S A FIGHT, NOBODY WILL COME.
RECRUIT THEM BY SAYING "WE HAVE DOGS IN HEAT" OR SOMETHING.
BUT....
IT'S UP TO YOU TO BRING THE CAVALRY. I'LL GO AHEAD TO STOP WEED AND LENNY.
YOU'D BETTER SHOW UP. IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL HAVE THREE MORE DEATHS TO MOURN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. IT'S A STRANGE WORLD.
I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEBODY THAT STUPID EXISTS.

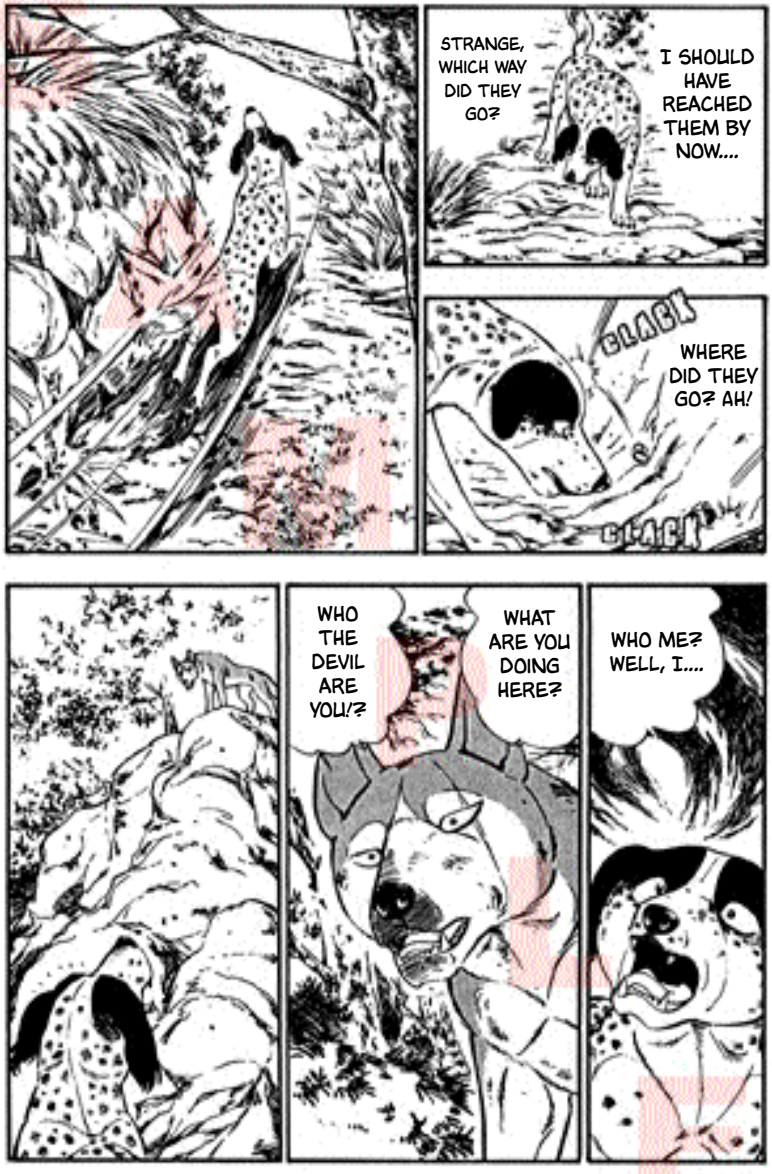

STOP, HOOK. ARE YOU GOING TO THROW IT ALL AWAY FOR THAT STRAY?

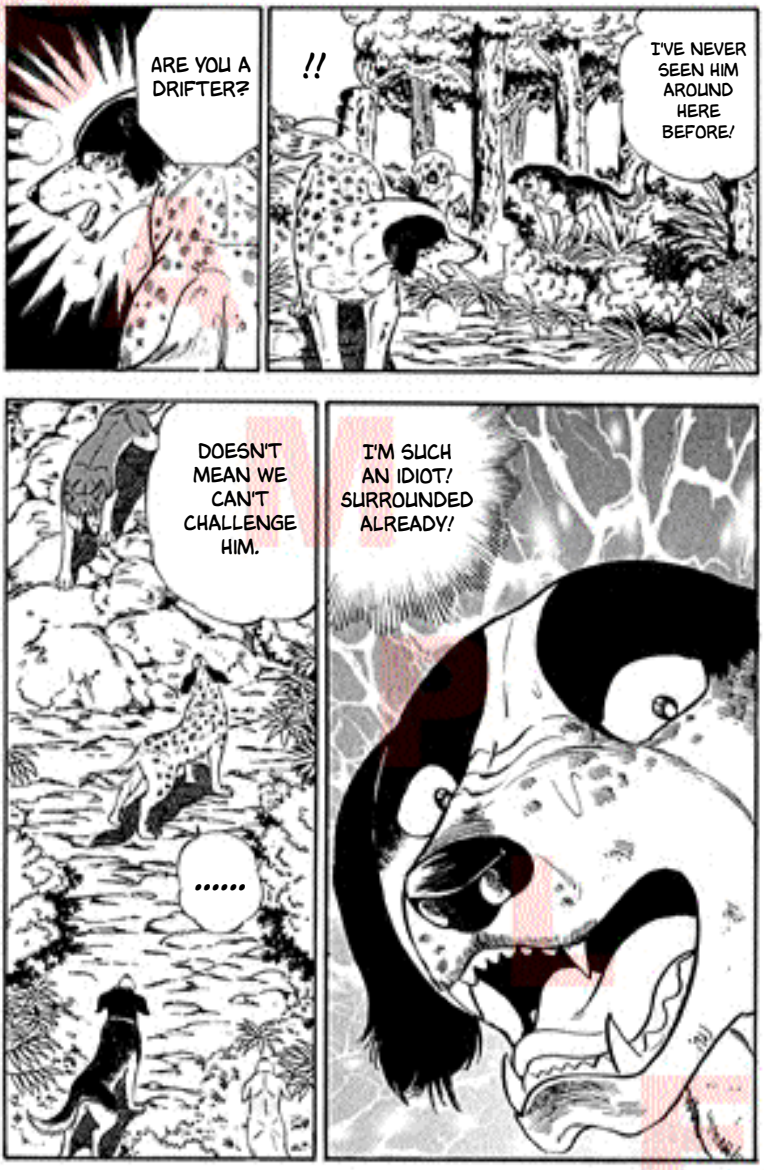
THERE HAS TO BE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS.
TUG
HAVING ENOUGH TO EAT, IS THAT WHAT LIFE IS ABOUT?
TUG

WHEN MY BROTHER WAS KILLED...
I MADE A VOW....
TUG

I'D AVENGE HIM SOMEDAY...
YANK
TUG
FOR THAT DAY, I MADE MYSELF STRONG...
TUG
RRRIP
GIVE IT UP, HOOK!
YOU CAN'T BRING YOUR BROTHER BACK FROM THE DEAD!
NOW'S THE TIME...
I OWE PART OF MY LIFE TO MY BROTHER.

I WON'T ASK YOU TO COME.
SO DON'T INTERFERE WITH ME.
.....
I DON'T WANT...
TO MISS THIS CHANCE AND DIE REGRETTING IT....
NO WAY!
FEH, GIVE ME A BREAK!
IT'S JUST NOT FOR ME...


STRANGE, WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?
I SHOULD HAVE REACHED THEM BY NOW....
BLACK
WHERE DID THEY GO? AH!
CLACK
WHO THE DEVIL ARE YOU!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHO ME? WELL, I....


ARE YOU A DRIFTER?
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I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM AROUND HERE BEFORE!
DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T CHALLENGE HIM.
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT! SURROUNDED ALREADY!
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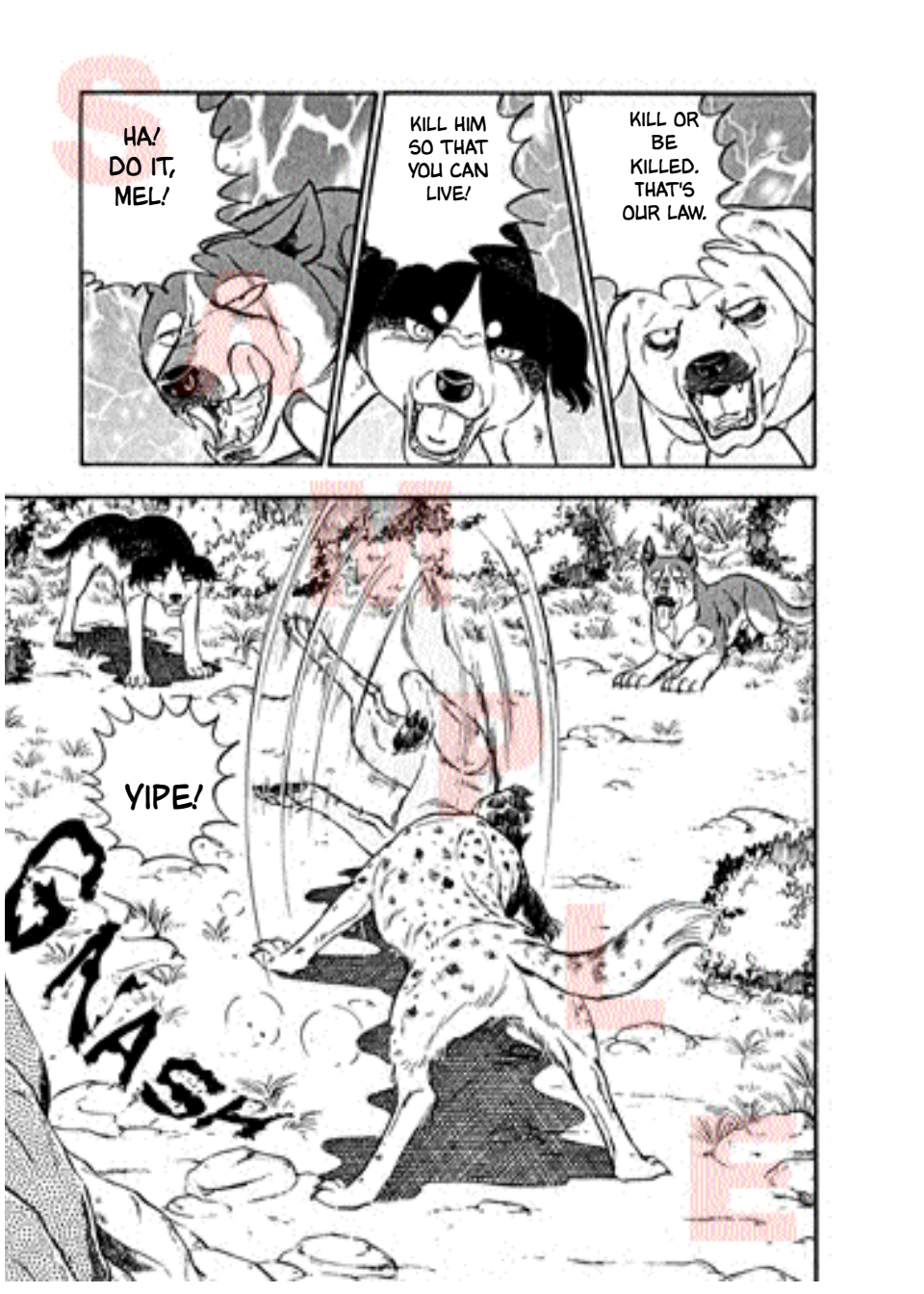
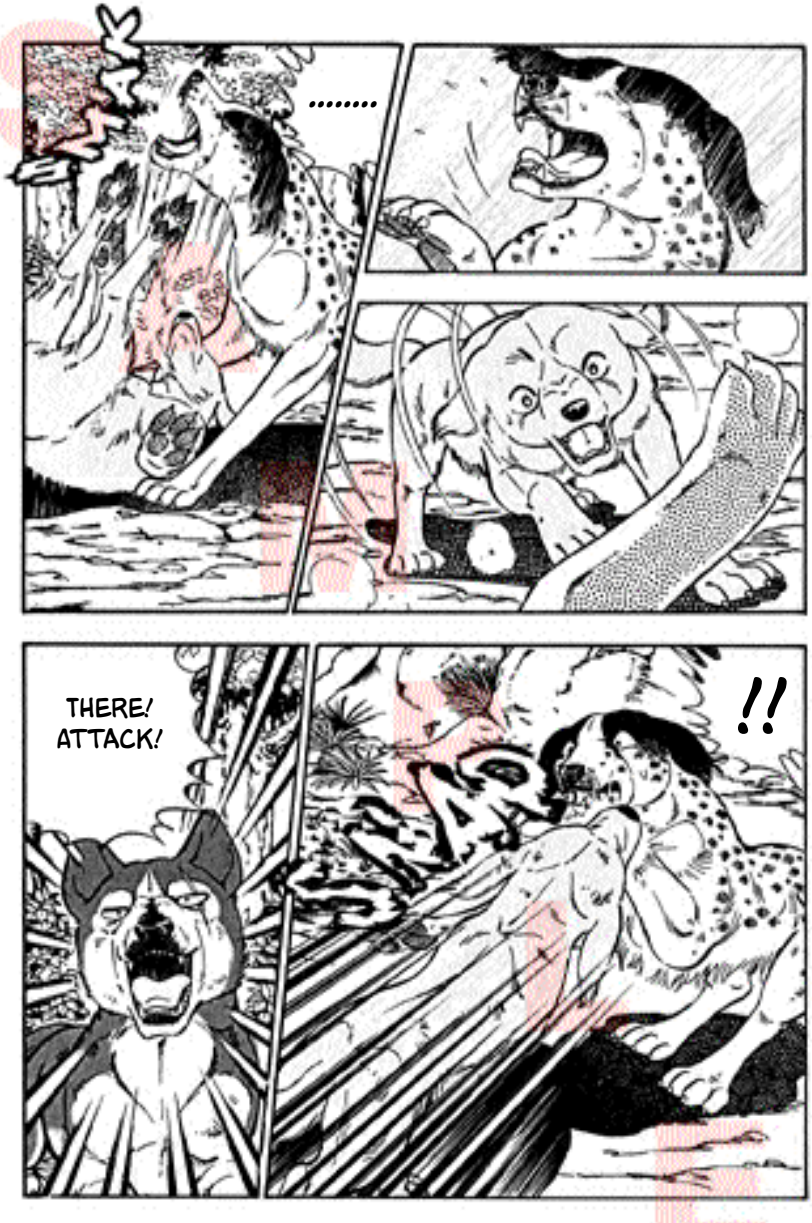
THE 9TH STORY --
UNHAPPY REUNION


HA! DO IT, MEL!
KILL HIM SO THAT YOU CAN LIVE!
KILL OR BE KILLED. THAT'S OUR LAW.
YIPE!
CRASH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THERE! ATTACK!
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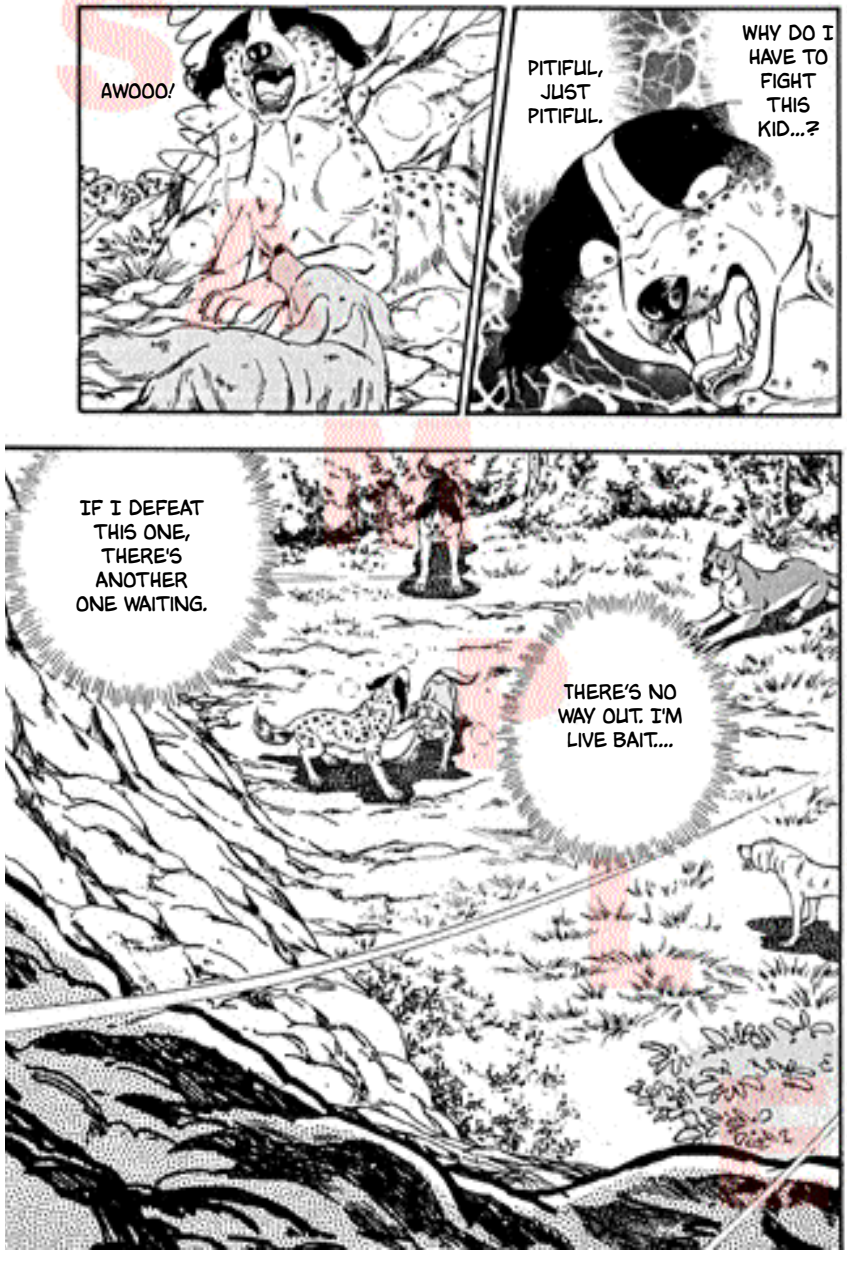
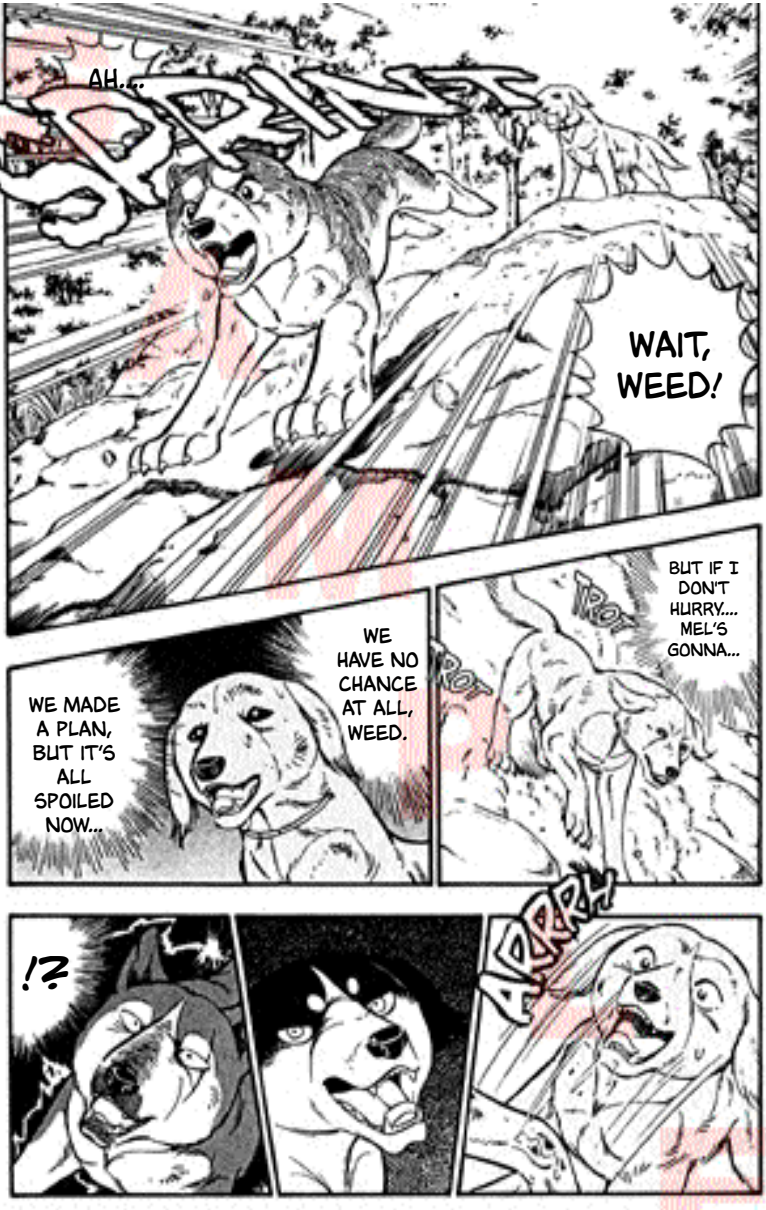
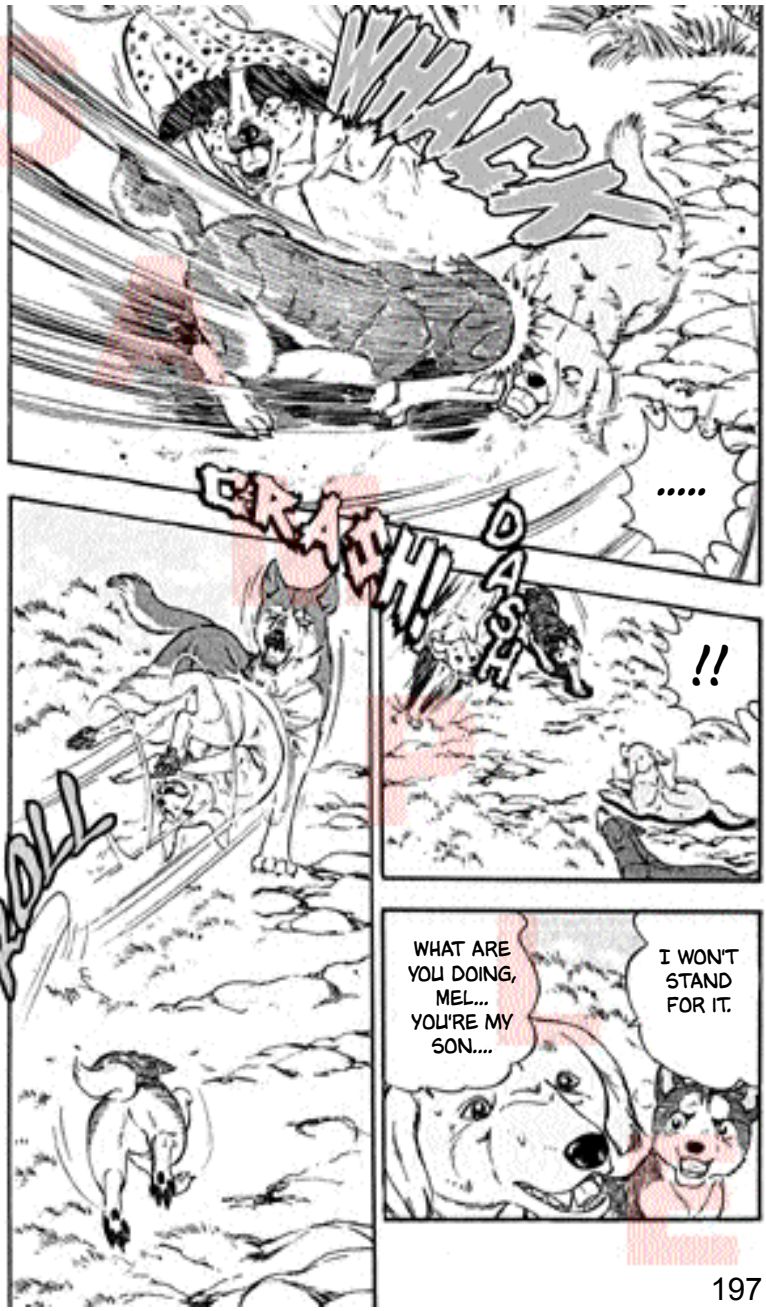
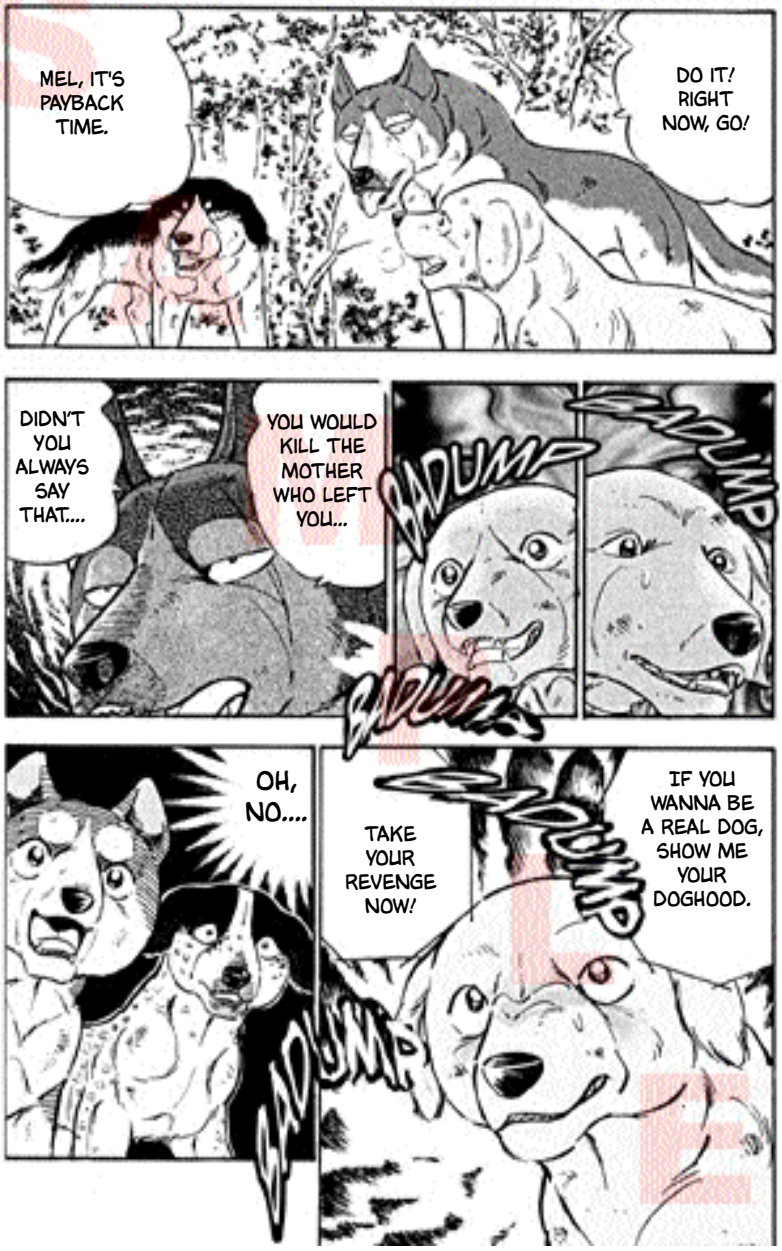

AWOOO!
PITIFUL, JUST PITIFUL.
WHY DO I HAVE TO FIGHT THIS KID...?
IF I DEFEAT THIS ONE, THERE'S ANOTHER ONE WAITING.
THERE'S NO WAY OUT. I'M LIVE BAIT....

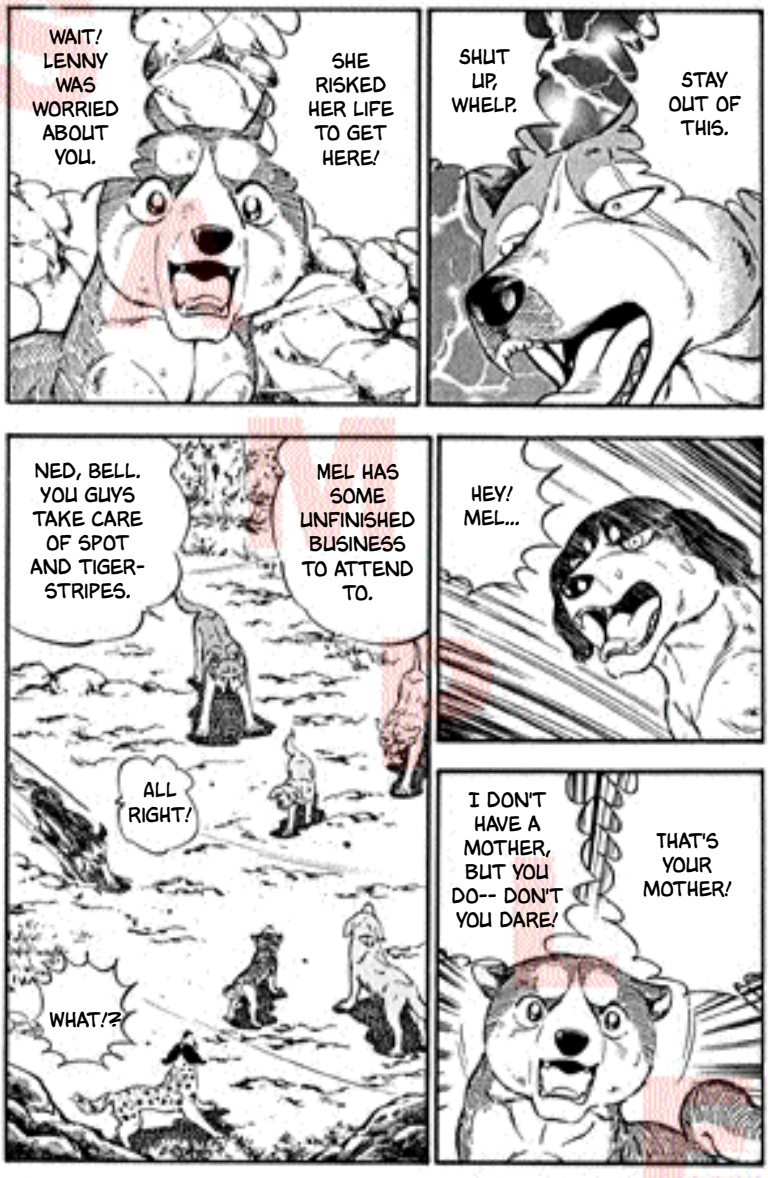
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN INVOLVED ....
WEED, WHERE DID YOU GO? HE STARTED....
WHA- ?
!?
IS THAT WEED?
IT CAN'T BE. IT'S GB?
MEETING YOU AGAIN AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
OH, THE SHAME ....


AH...
SPRINT
WAIT, WEED!
BUT IF I DON'T HURRY.... MEL'S GONNA...
PROT
PROT
WE HAVE NO CHANCE AT ALL, WEED.
WE MADE A PLAN, BUT IT'S ALL SPOILED NOW...
!?
AARRH

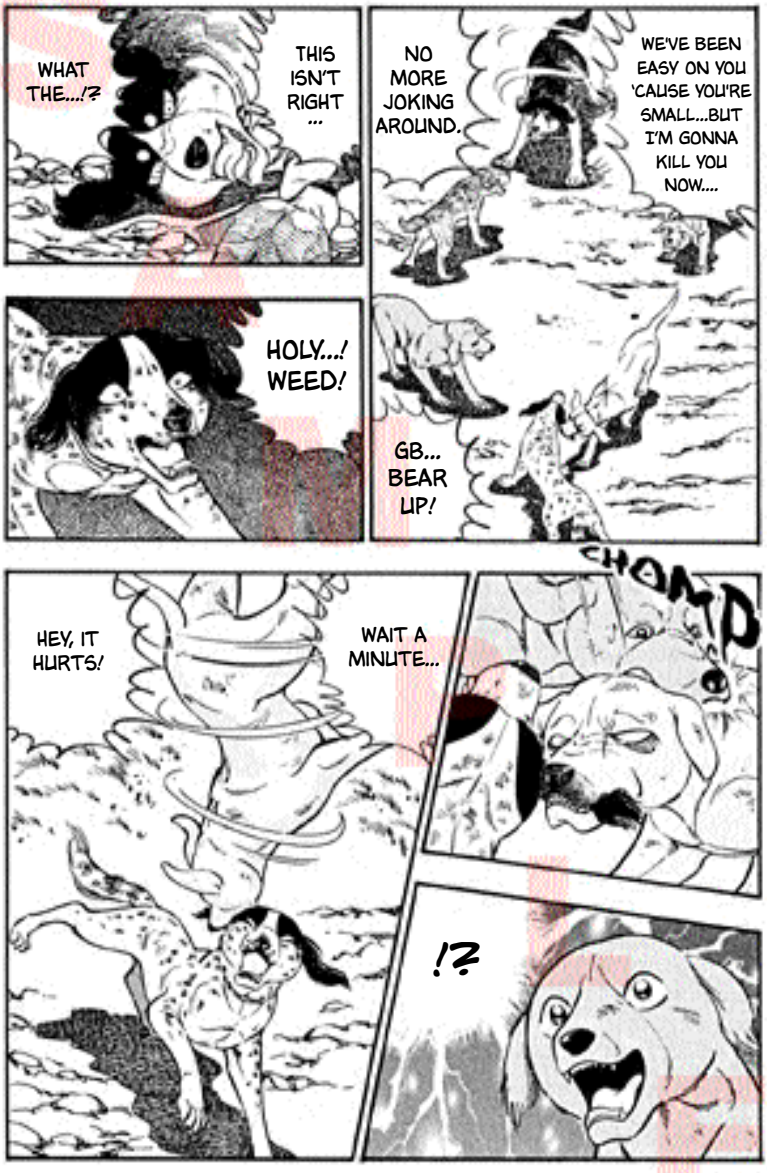

WHACK
.....
CRASH!
DASH
!!
ROLL
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MEL... YOU'RE MY SON....
I WON'T STAND FOR IT.

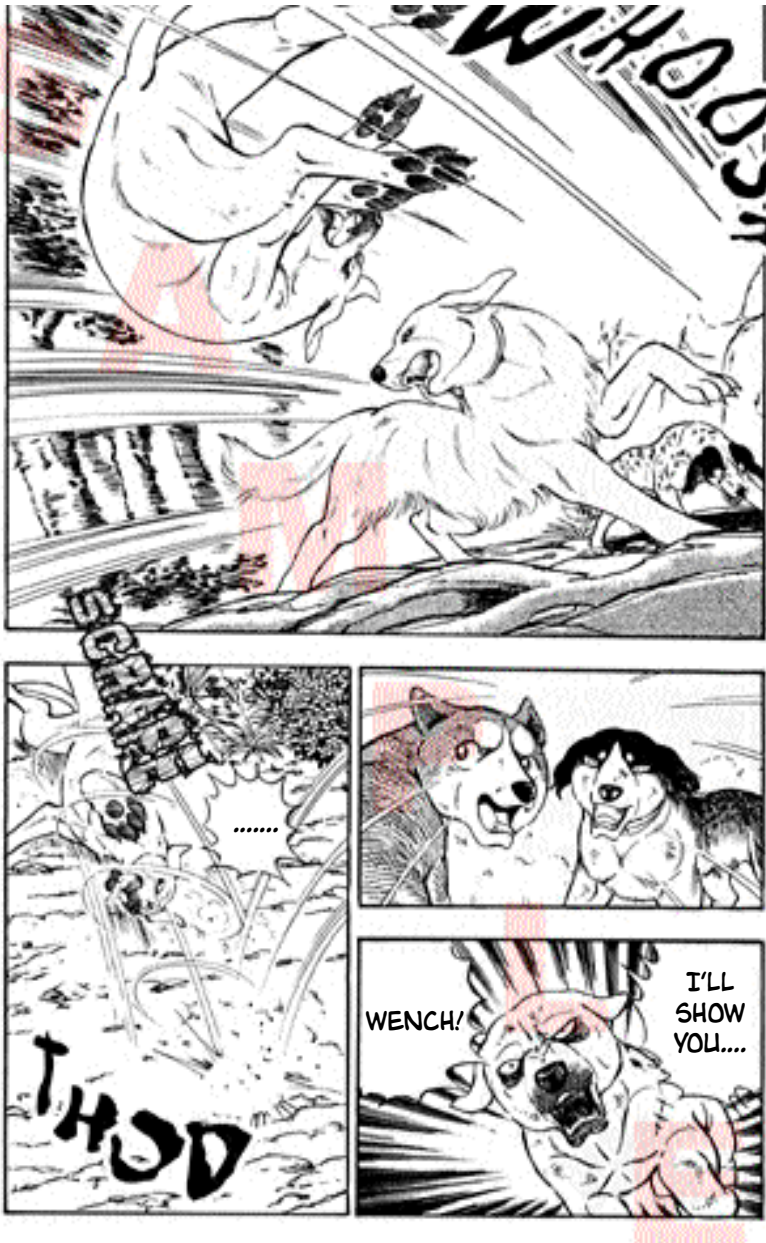
WELL WELL. DID YOU COME ALL THIS WAY TO GET KILLED?
NED, WAIT.
I GET IT. YOU'RE MEL'S MOTHER.
WHAT DUMB LUCK!
SO, YOU'RE THE ONE...
HOW DARE YOU CORRUPT AN INNOCENT CHILD'S MIND!
GAPE
DON'T BE FUNNY.
SEEMS TO ME YOU'RE THE BAD INFLU-ENCE.


MEL, IT'S PAYBACK TIME.
DO IT! RIGHT NOW, GO!
DIDN'T YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT....
YOU WOULD KILL THE MOTHER WHO LEFT YOU...
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
OH, NO....
TAKE YOUR REVENGE NOW!
IF YOU WANNA BE A REAL DOG, SHOW ME YOUR DOGHOOD.
BADUMP
BADUMP


WAIT! LENNY WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
SHE RISKED HER LIFE TO GET HERE!
SHUT UP, WHELP.
STAY OUT OF THIS.
NED, BELL. YOU GUYS TAKE CARE OF SPOT AND TIGER-STRIPES.
MEL HAS SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.
ALL RIGHT!
WHAT!?
HEY! MEL...
I DON'T HAVE A MOTHER, BUT YOU DO-- DON'T YOU DARE!
THAT'S YOUR MOTHER!

YEE!
WAIT A MINUTE, I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS...
MEL, THAT'S YOUR MOTHER...
WHOOM
IF YOU DON'T LOVE HER, WHO WILL?
UNGH!
WHAT ?
WHOOSH


WHAT THE...!?
THIS ISN'T RIGHT ...
NO MORE JOKING AROUND.
WE'VE BEEN EASY ON YOU 'CAUSE YOU'RE SMALL...BUT I'M GONNA KILL YOU NOW....
HOLY...! WEED!
GB... BEAR UP!
HEY, IT HURTS!
WAIT A MINUTE...
CHOMP
!?


WHOOSH
SCRAMBLE
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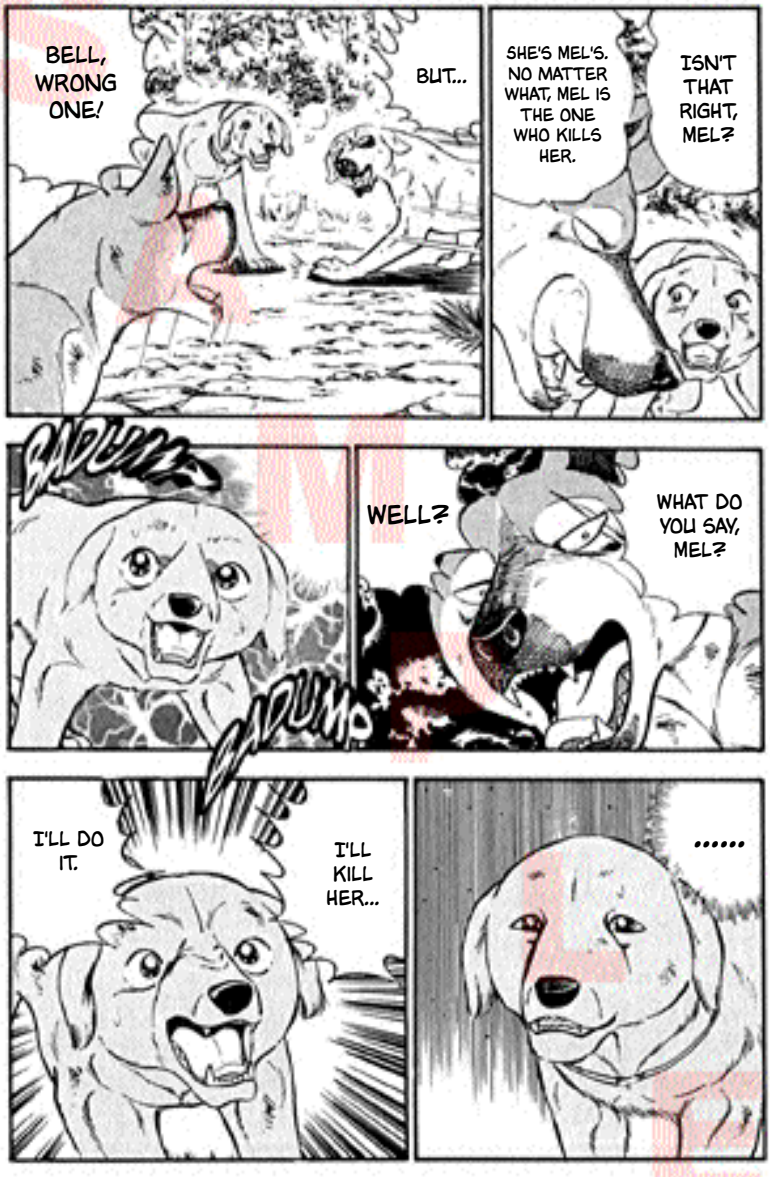
THUD
WENCH!
I'LL SHOW YOU....


BELL, WRONG ONE!
BUT...
SHE'S MEL'S. NO MATTER WHAT, MEL IS THE ONE WHO KILLS HER.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MEL?
GADUM
WELL?
WHAT DO YOU SAY, MEL?
GADUMP
I'LL DO IT.
I'LL KILL HER...
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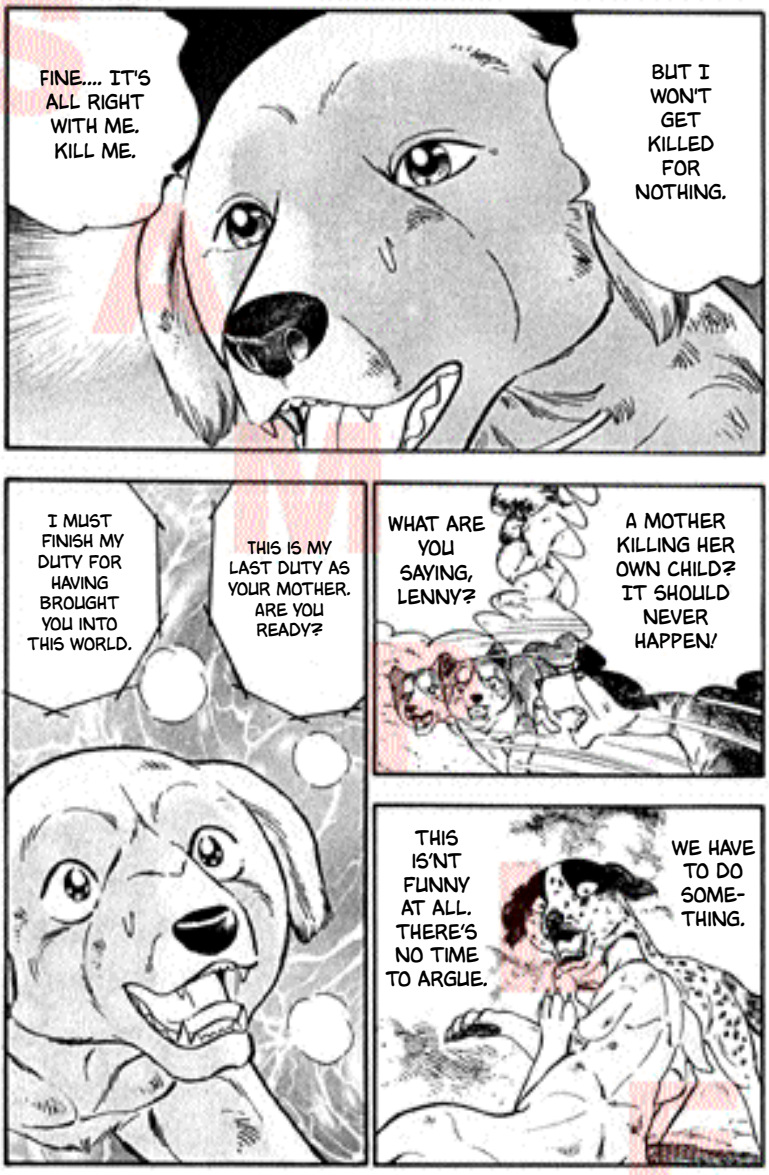
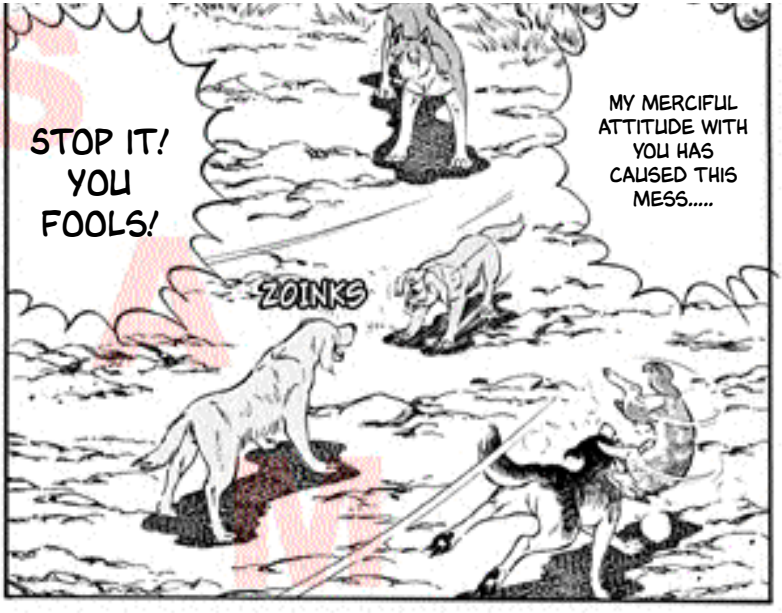

FINE.... IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME. KILL ME.
BUT I WON'T GET KILLED FOR NOTHING.
I MUST FINISH MY DUTY FOR HAVING BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD.
THIS IS MY LAST DUTY AS YOUR MOTHER. ARE YOU READY?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, LENNY?
A MOTHER KILLING HER OWN CHILD? IT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN!
THIS IS'NT FUNNY AT ALL. THERE'S NO TIME TO ARGUE.
WE HAVE TO DO SOME-THING.

HOW SHAMEFUL TO SEE YOU HANGING OUT WITH FOOLS...
I OWE THE WORLD AN APOLOGY FOR HAVING YOU.
....
"FOOLS?" IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL THE ONES WHO TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHILD?
YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW COLD YOUR MOTHER'S HEART IS.
GHGH GH...
GKKK
GKKK
MEL....
SHUT UP!
IT WAS YOU! IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!


STOP IT! YOU FOOLS!
ZOINKS
MY MERCIFUL ATTITUDE WITH YOU HAS CAUSED THIS MESS.....

DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE MESSING WITH?

SHUT UP, DOLT!
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN FOOL US?
JUST LISTEN, YOU BASTARDS!
OR YOU'LL REGRET IT!
MY BOSS IS GIN, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF OHU!
FOR PERSONAL REASONS, I WAS HIDING MY IDENTITY, BUT NOW...

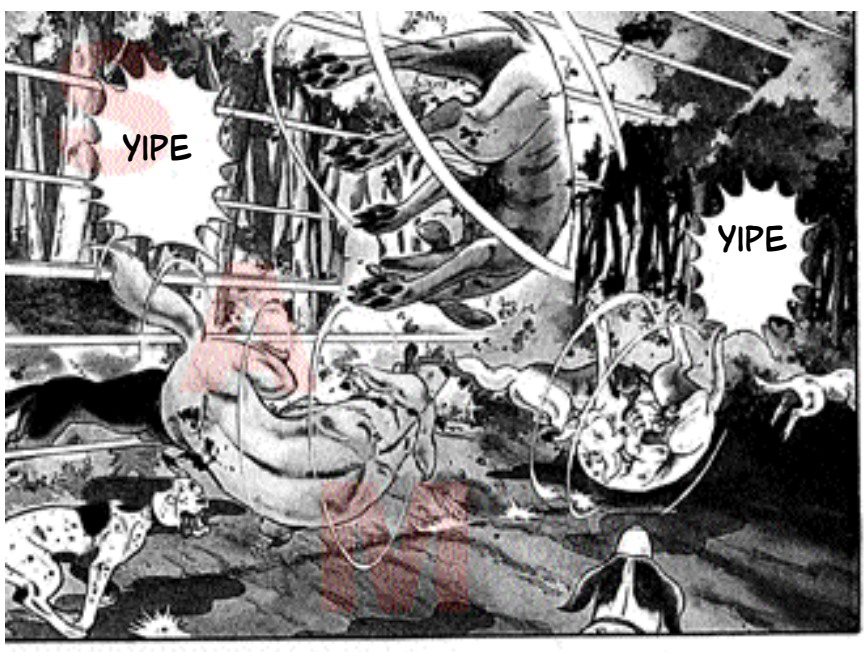
.....
OHU!? THE LEGENDARY DOG WHO KILLED THAT GIANT BEAR, RED HELMET.
LISTEN ALL OF YOU! IF YOU START A FIGHT WITH ME....
YOU'LL BE FIGHTING AN OKUBAN COMMANDER!
WHY, DOES THIS SHOCK YOU?
I'M WILLING TO FORGET ABOUT THE WHOLE THING.
WE CAN ALL GO TO UTOPIA IN OHU RIGHT NOW, TOGETHER!

HAHAHA.... YOU ARE SUCH A LIAR!
THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS UTOPIA IN OHU. BY NOW, IT MUST BE GONE....
WHAT ?
YOU LIE... HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?
BECAUSE I TOO WAS ONCE A SOLDIER OF OHU...
WHAT? SO WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OHU NOW?

THE 10TH STORY --
DESTRUCTION OF UTOPIA

OHH MOUN-TAINS
HOWL
HOWL
RRROOM
PANT
PANT
PANT

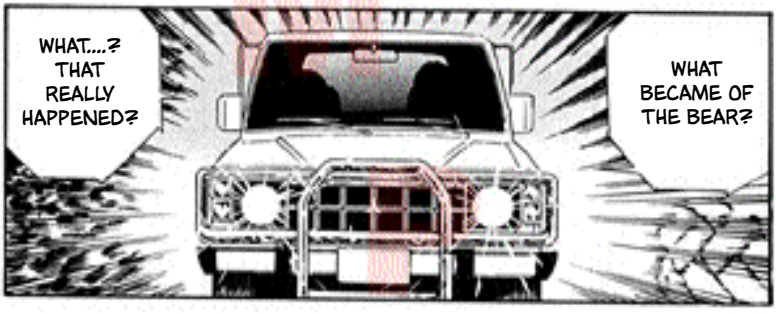
RRROOM
RRROOM
BLAM
BLAM


YIPE
YIPE

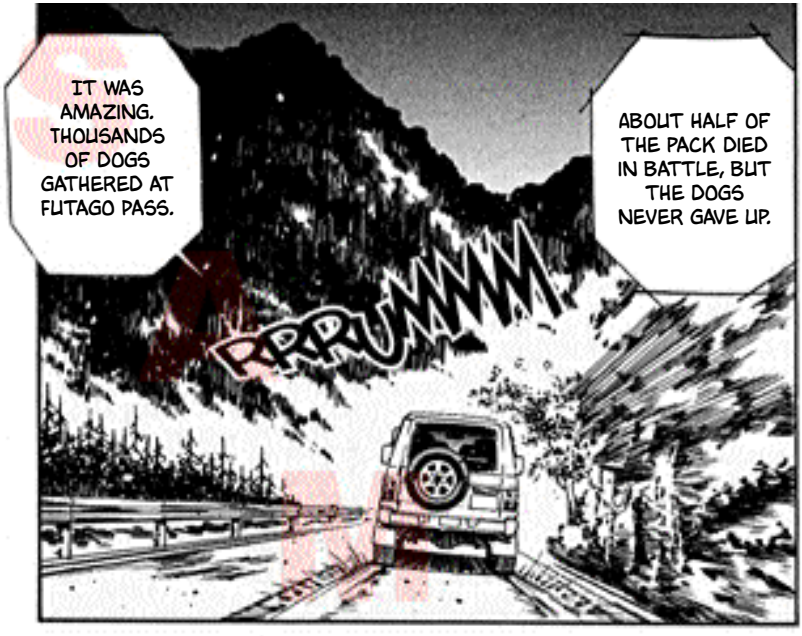
THIS WAY....
THEY'RE CLIMBING UP THE SLOPE ON THE RIGHT!

THEY'RE PERSI-STENT.
WE'LL NEVER GIVE IN TO YOU HUMANS!

WHEN I WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL, THERE WAS THIS MAN-EATING BEAR...
IT NEVER HIBERNATED. IT ATTACKED SKIERS AND MADE THE SLOPES CLOSE FOR A TIME.


WHAT....? THAT REALLY HAPPENED?
WHAT BECAME OF THE BEAR?

HE WAS KILLED, OF COURSE... BY GOHE TAKEDA, THE HUNTER.
THE HUNTERS WERE AIDED BY THE COURAGE OF GOHE'S BEAR-HUNTING DOG, RIKI, AND RIKI'S SON, GIN, A TIGER FUR DOG.....


IT WAS AMAZING. THOUSANDS OF DOGS GATHERED AT FUTAGO PASS.
ABOUT HALF OF THE PACK DIED IN BATTLE, BUT THE DOGS NEVER GAVE UP.
RRRUMMM

I'M IMPRESSED. ARE THEY STILL THERE?
YES ....

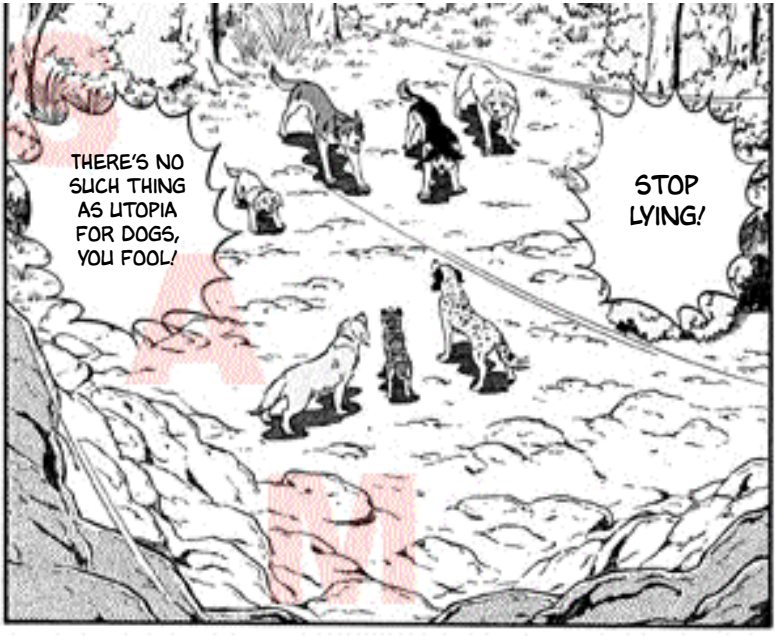
COMPARED TO THEN, THERE ARE FEWER...
BUT THERE ARE STILL QUITE A FEW DOGS THERE.

I WONDER WHAT BECAME OF THE OTHER DOGS?
THEY FELL PREY TO NEW ENEMIES.
RRRUMMM

THIS TIME, IT'S THE CREATURE WHO HAS DEFEATED EVERY ANIMAL...
HUMANS.
SCREEEECH
RMMMMM
WHAT'S THAT AHEAD?
WATCH OUT!!
VEER

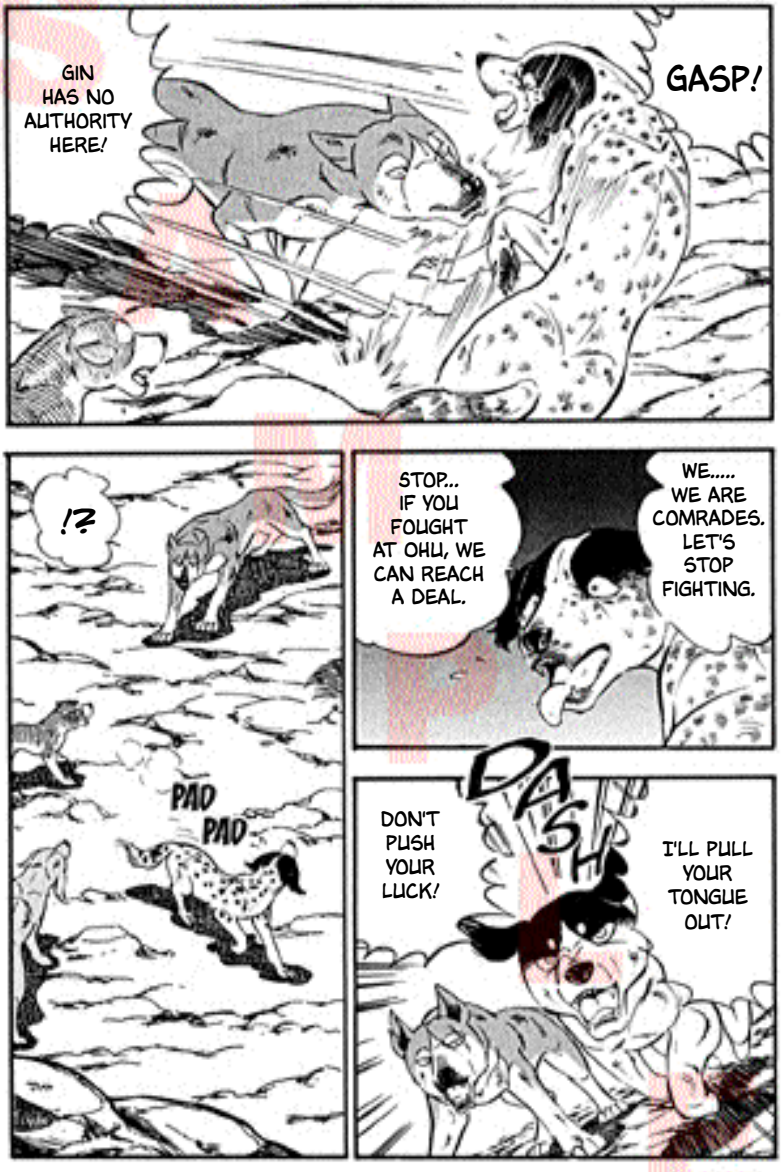
IT'S A DOG!
SLAM
WHAT'S WRONG, DAISUKE?
DID WE RUN OVER HER?
NO...THIS ISN'T AN ACCIDENT.
HE'S BEEN SHOT WITH A RIFLE.
IS WHAT MY FATHER TOLD ME TRUE?
GIN'S BEEN OUT OF CONTROL ....

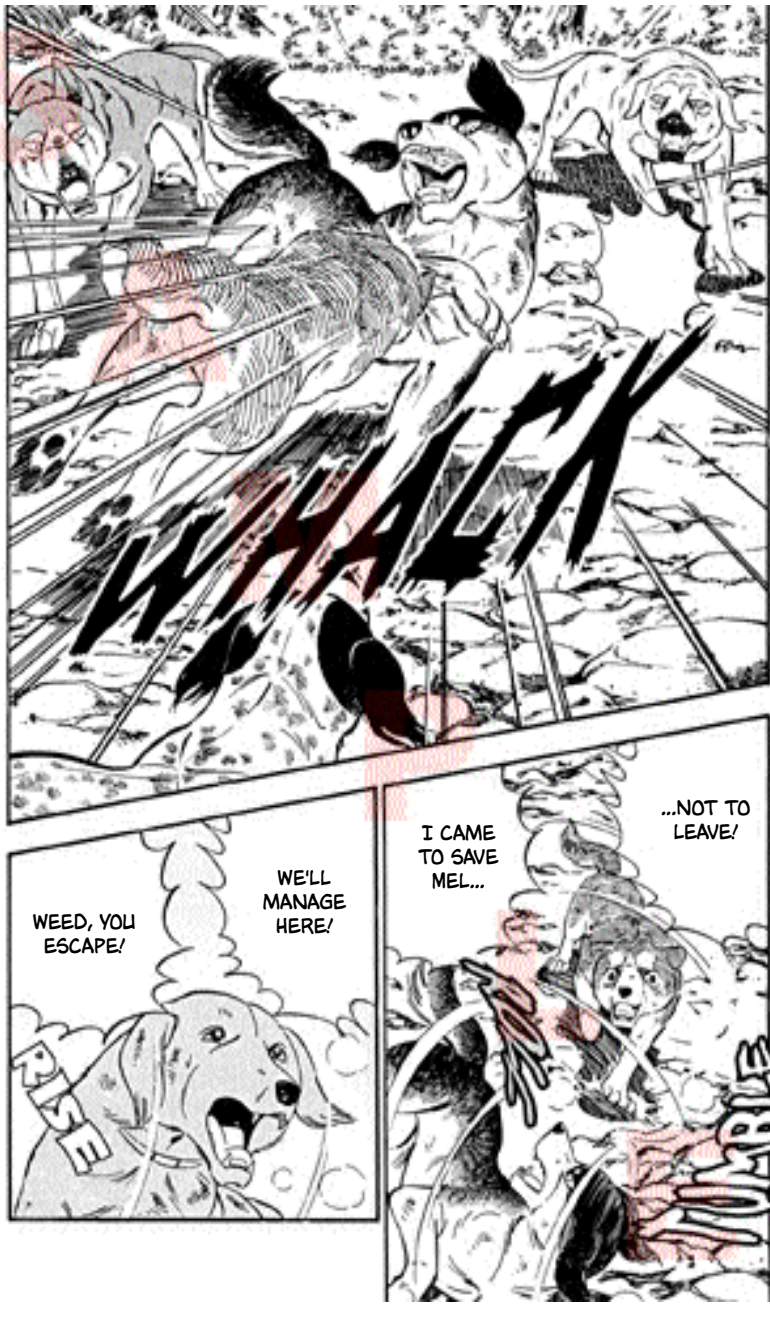
HERE'S ONE, TOO.
AND ANOTHER ONE-- THERE!
I'M SCARED.
QUICK, LET'S GET BACK TO THE VILLAGE.


THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS UTOPIA FOR DOGS, YOU FOOL!
STOP LYING!

ARE THESE MY FATHER'S COMRADES?
THE WARRIORS OF OKU ARE JUST A BUNCH OF MOGRELS!?
IT CAN'T BE... HE'S WRONG.
THE DOGS OF THE LEGEND AREN'T LIKE THESE GOONS...

YOU'RE ONE TO CALL ME A LIAR....
YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR.
IT'S NOT A LIE.
LOOK AT THIS KID. HE'S THE SON OF THE BOSS OF OHU, GIN.
WHAT!?
INDEED, HE LOOKS LIKE HIM, BUT SO WHAT?
THIS IS THE COUNTRY OF SANGA, NOT OHU!


GIN HAS NO AUTHORITY HERE!
GASP!
!?
PAD PAD
STOP... IF YOU FOUGHT AT OHU, WE CAN REACH A DEAL.
WE..... WE ARE COMRADES. LET'S STOP FIGHTING.
DASH
DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK!
I'LL PULL YOUR TONGUE OUT!


WHACK
WEED, YOU ESCAPE!
WE'LL MANAGE HERE!
RISE
I CAME TO SAVE ME!...
...NOT TO LEAVE!
TUMBLE

YOU'RE AN ANNOYING WHELP!
MEL! I WON'T LET ANYBODY HURT YOU!
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GET REVENGE FOR ALL THOSE YEARS.
MEL, DON'T YOU TRUST YOUR OWN MOTHER?
WHY DO YOU TRUST THESE CROOKS?
THEY'RE NOT CROOKS....!
BLUE, NED AND BELL-- THEY ALL LOOKED AFTER ME!
MEL...
YOU'VE PAID THEM YOUR DEBT!

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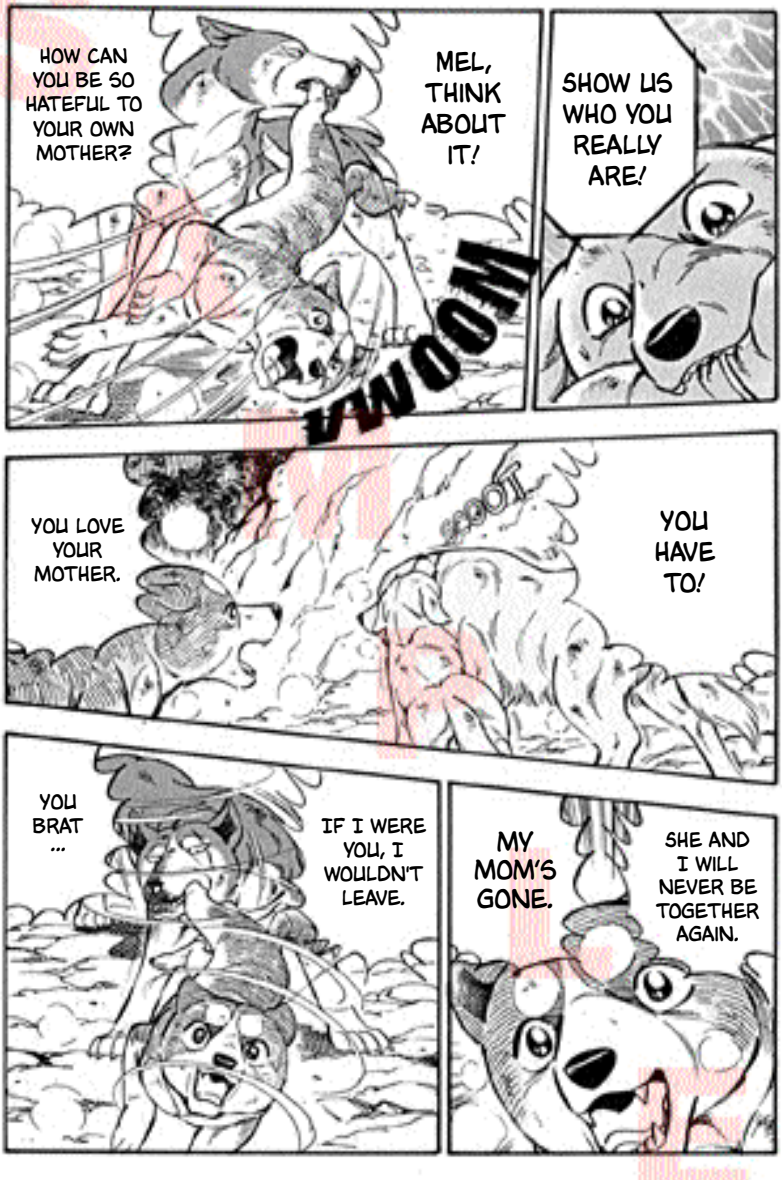
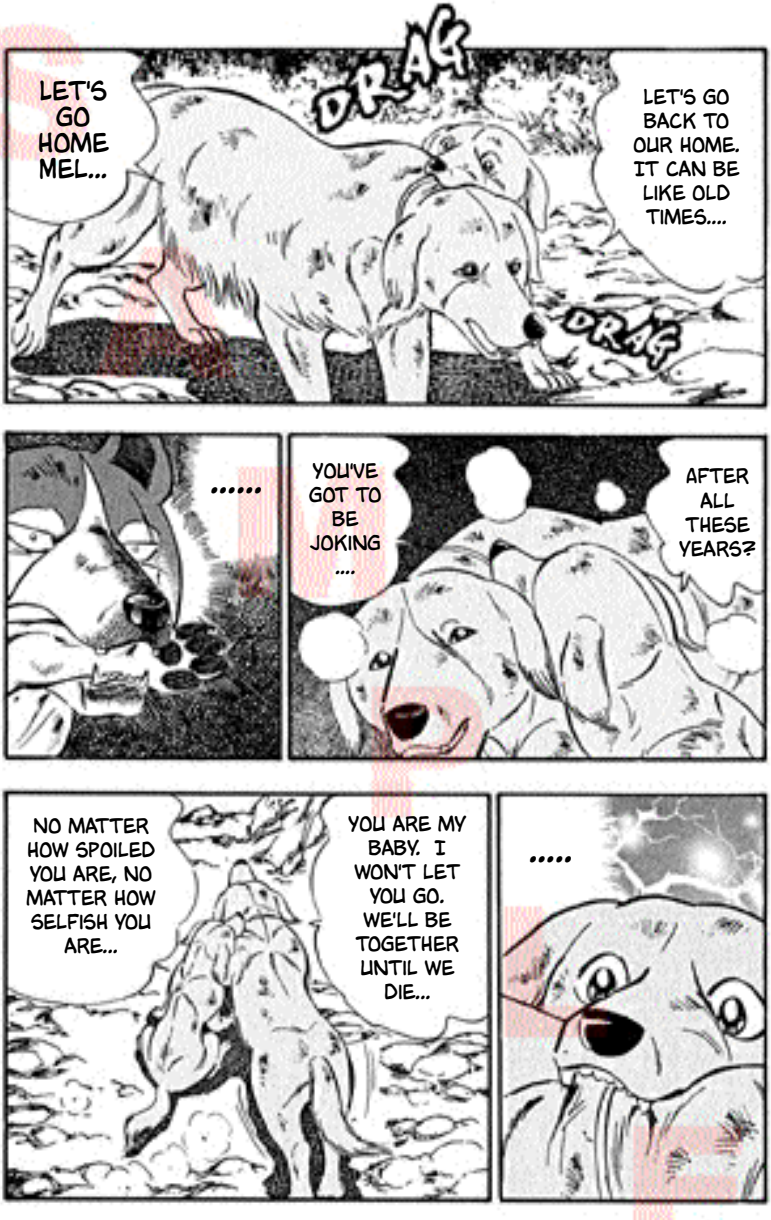
OH NO!
.....
DON'T CALL ME LIKE YOU'RE MY FRIEND!
I'LL KILL YOU...
MEL....


HOW CAN YOU BE SO HATEFUL TO YOUR OWN MOTHER?
MEL, THINK ABOUT IT!
SHOW US WHO YOU REALLY ARE!
WOOM
YOU LOVE YOUR MOTHER.
SCOOT
YOU HAVE TO!
YOU BRAT ...
IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T LEAVE.
MY MOM'S GONE.
SHE AND I WILL NEVER BE TOGETHER AGAIN.


LET'S GO HOME MEL...
DRAG
LET'S GO BACK TO OUR HOME. IT CAN BE LIKE OLD TIMES....
DRAG
.....
YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING ....
AFTER ALL THESE YEARS?
NO MATTER HOW SPOILED YOU ARE, NO MATTER HOW SELFISH YOU ARE...
YOU ARE MY BABY. I WON'T LET YOU GO. WE'LL BE TOGETHER UNTIL WE DIE...
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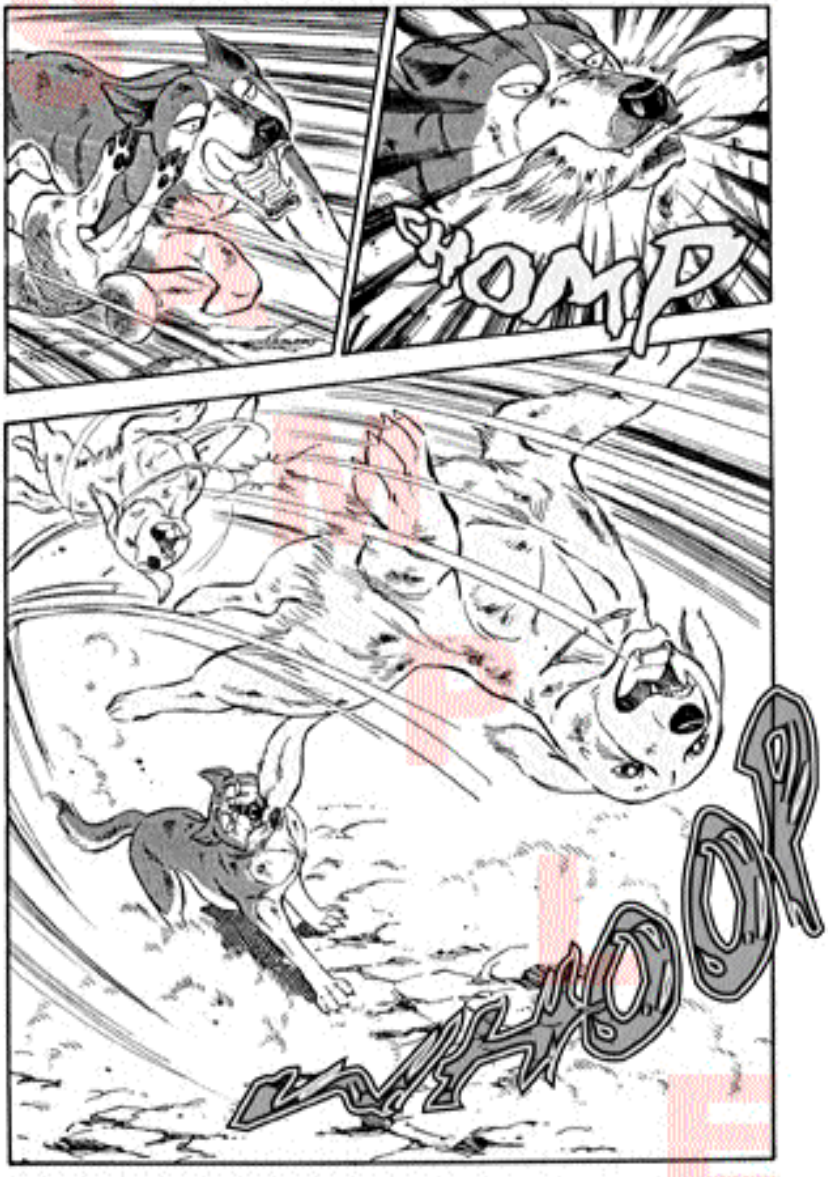
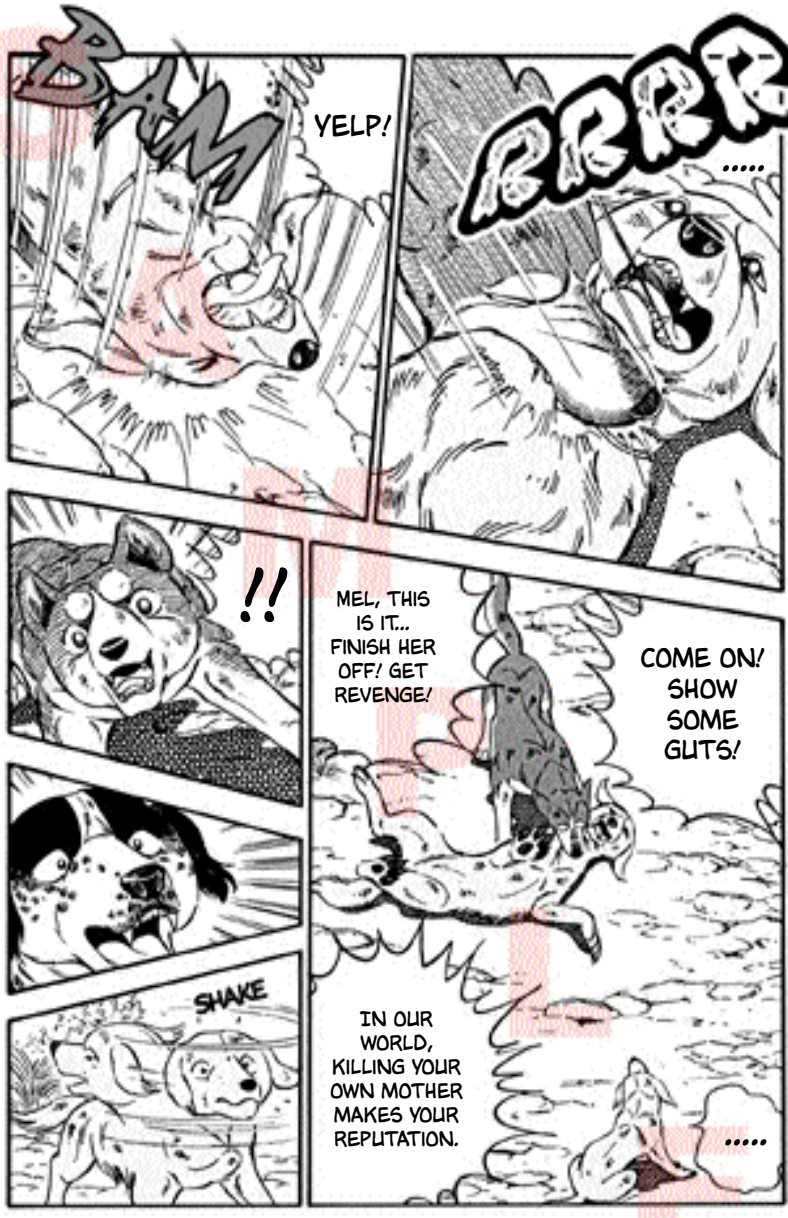
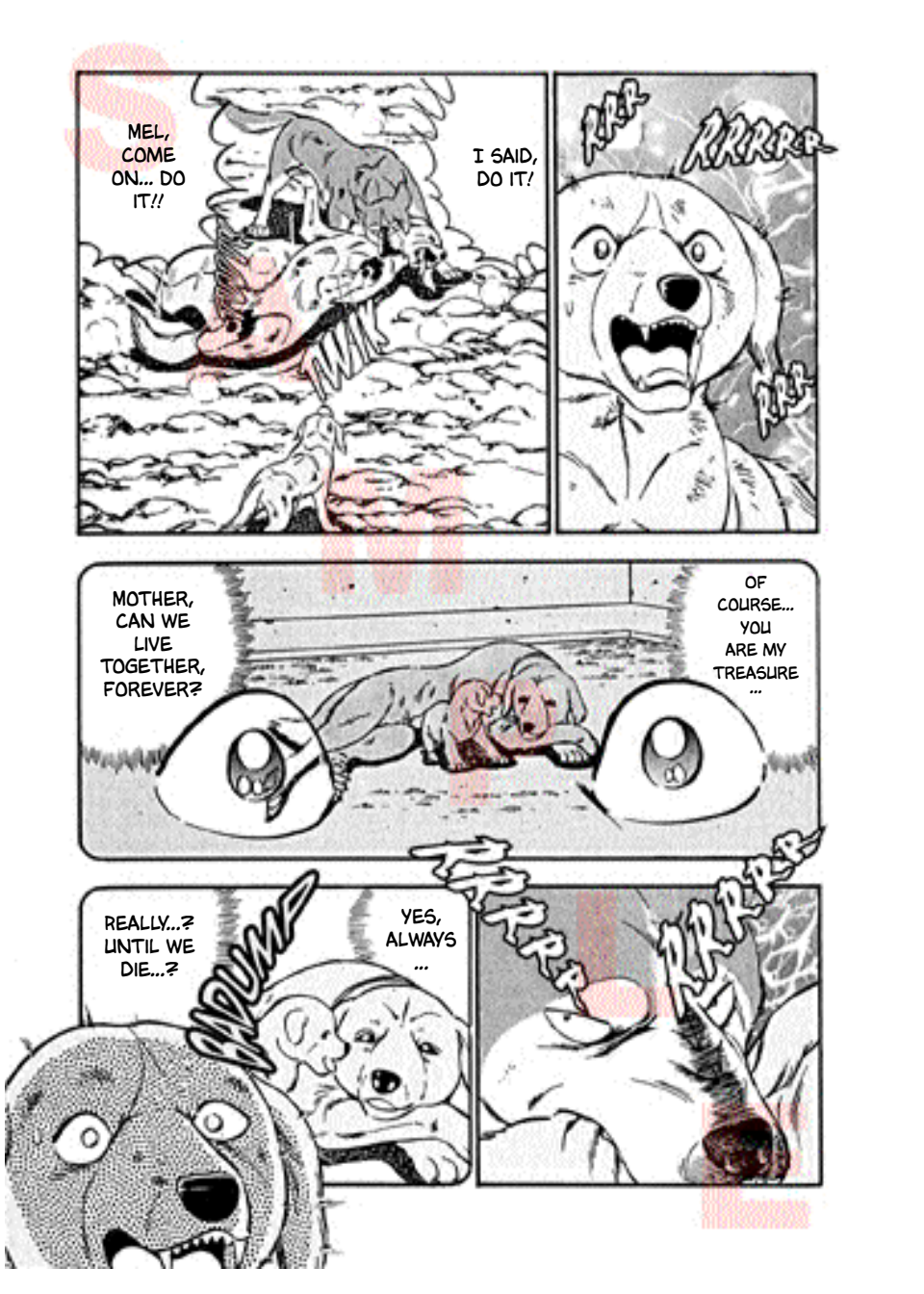

CHOMP
WHOOP

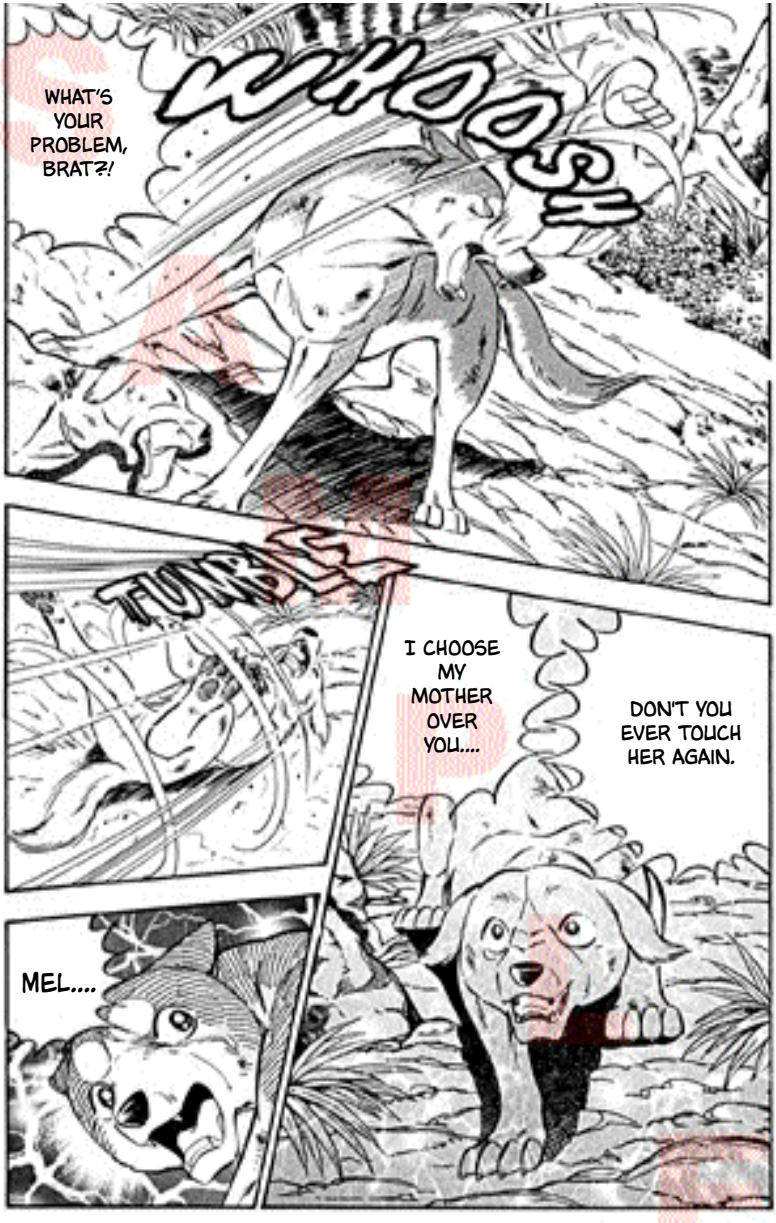

BAM
YELP!
RRRR
.....
!!
MEL, THIS IS IT... FINISH HER OFF! GET REVENGE!
COME ON! SHOW SOME GUTS!
SHAKE
IN OUR WORLD, KILLING YOUR OWN MOTHER MAKES YOUR REPUTATION.
.....

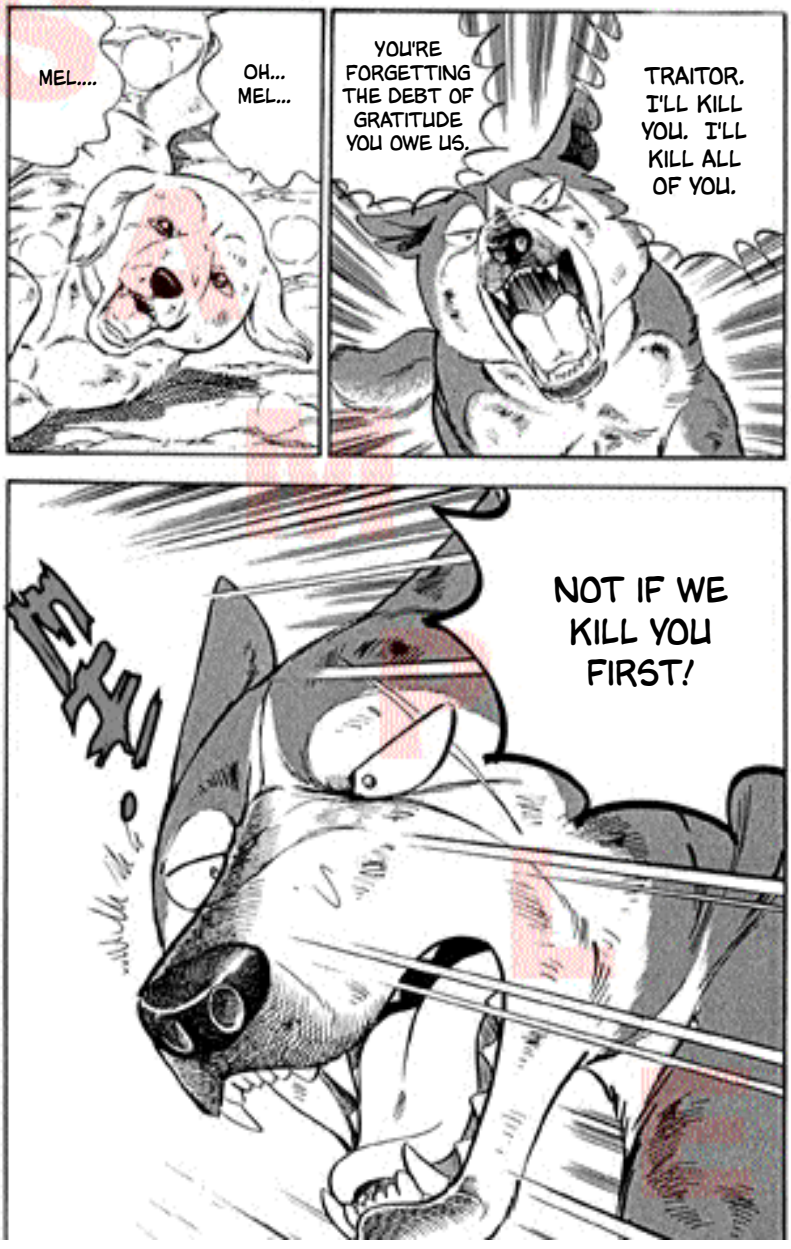
.....
WHAT'S WRONG? COWARD!
NO, NO... I'VE KNOWN MEL TO BE A TRUE DOG, A DOG OF ACTION.
AAGH
KKKK ...
DON'T INTERFERE!
MEL, THINK IT OVER. YOUR MOTHER ISN'T YOUR ENEMY.
IT WAS THAT MAN!
MEL, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

LET HER GO, JERK...
SNAP
.....
TUMBLE

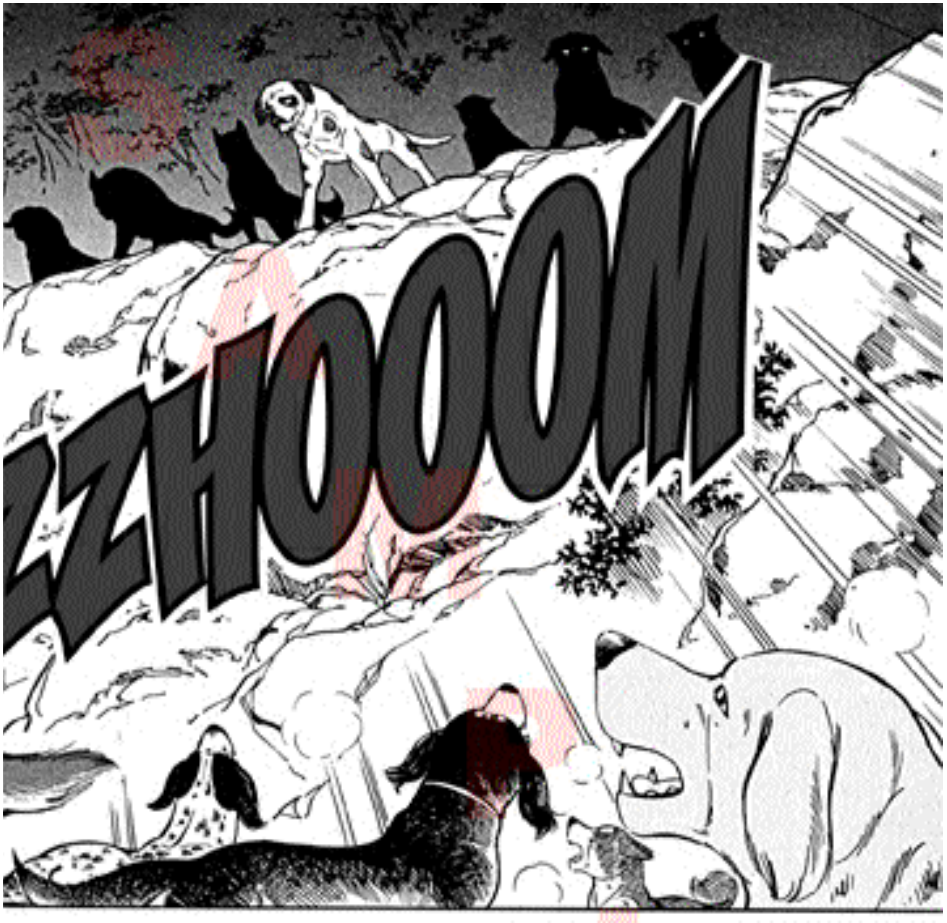

MEL, COME ON... DO IT!!
I SAID, DO IT!
KRR
KRRRRR
RRR
MOTHER, CAN WE LIVE TOGETHER, FOREVER?
OF COURSE... YOU ARE MY TREASURE ...
REALLY...? UNTIL WE DIE...?
YES, ALWAYS ...
GNUMF
RRRRR
RRRRR

HOWL
AT LAST. NOW MEL IS MINE....
HE'LL SERVE ME 'TIL THE DAY HE DIES...
GROWL
WHAT!?


WHOOSH
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, BRAT?!
TUMBLE
I CHOOSE MY MOTHER OVER YOU....
DON'T YOU EVER TOUCH HER AGAIN.
MEL....

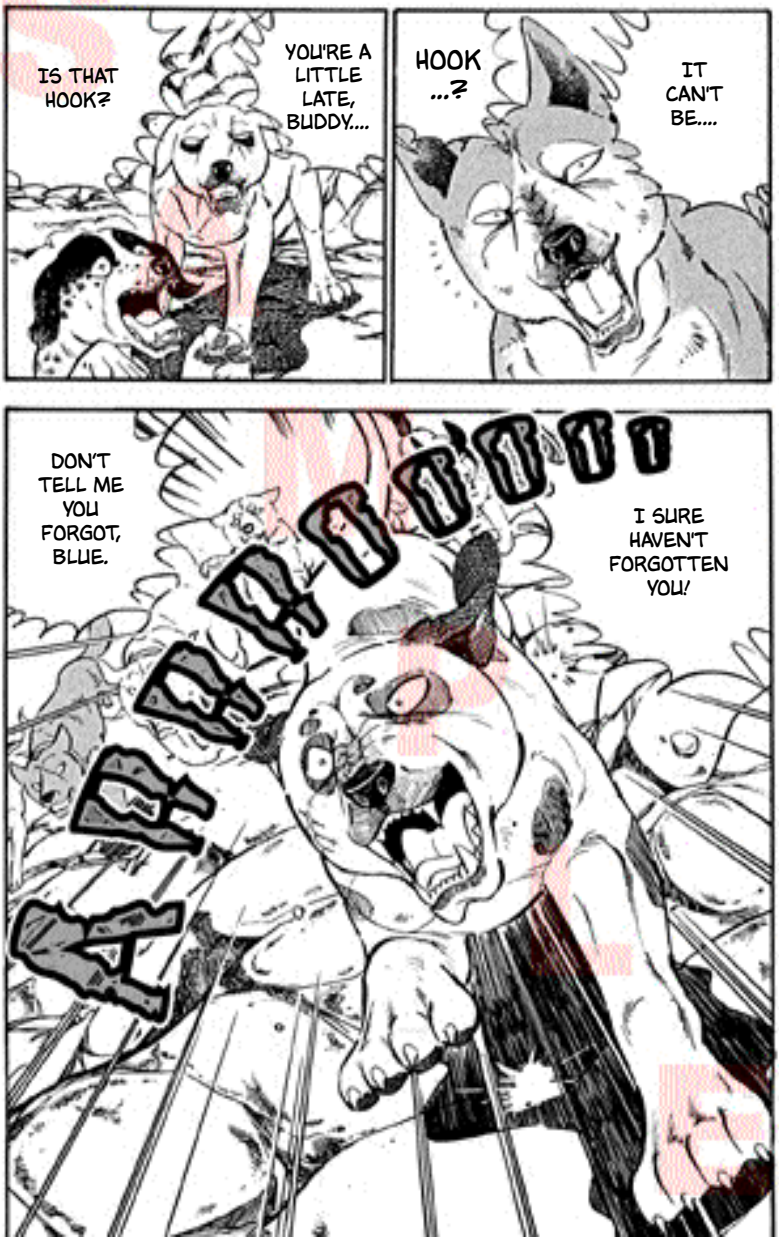

MEL....
OH... MEL...
YOU'RE FORGETTING THE DEBT OF GRATITUDE YOU OWE US.
TRAITOR. I'LL KILL YOU. I'LL KILL ALL OF YOU.
EH?
NOT IF WE KILL YOU FIRST!

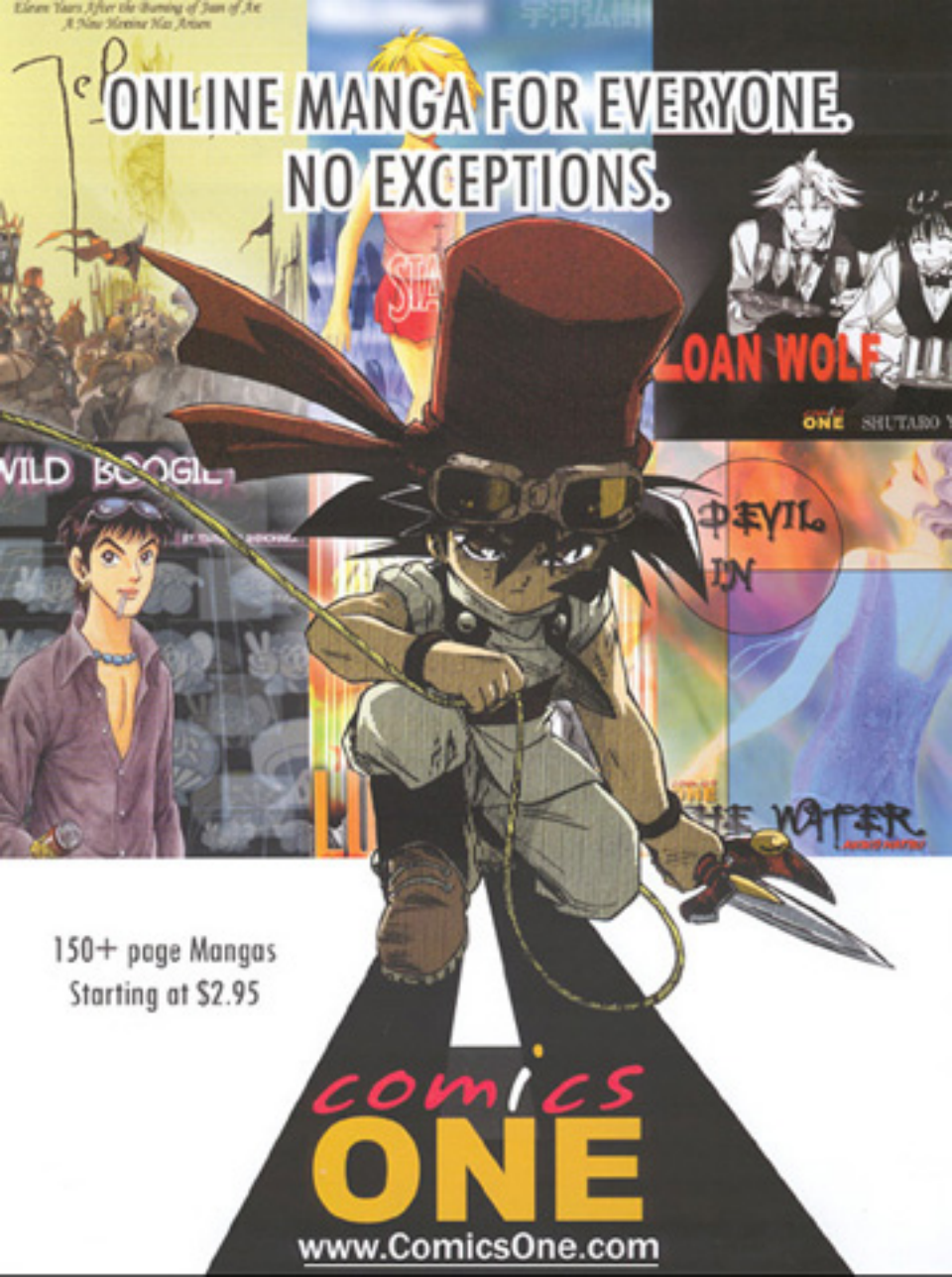
WHAT!?
ZZ
WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?


ZZHOOOM

OH WOW!

WHO THE BLAZES ARE YOU?


IS THAT HOOK?
YOU'RE A LITTLE LATE, BUDDY....
HOOK ...?
IT CAN'T BE....
DON'T TELL ME YOU FORGOT, BLUE.
I SURE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOU!
GRRRROOOO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